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Primrose Hill: Town Council changes stance

by PHILIP IRWIN

COUNCILLORS on Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council have voted to change the council's stance on the proposed housing development at Primrose Hill.

The decision was taken on Tuesday evening (September 17) at a meeting where members of a newly-formed action group packed the council chamber in a show of strength.

The 'Gateway to Cowbridge' action group is arguing that building predominately housing association homes on a greenfield site on the outskirts of the town could open the floodgates to similar applications and erode the character of the town.

The proposal has been made jointly by the United Welsh Housing Association and building company Charles Church.

In the plan – which is only an outline one – the housing association will build 48 affordable homes, while Charles Church will build the 31 intended for the private market.

At a previous planning committee meeting, a motion to oppose the plan resulted in a tied vote and, on the casting vote of chairman Coun Sue Cox, the motion was defeated.

On Tuesday, the full council decided not to ratify that decision, and instead adopted a motion put forward by Coun Geoff Cox.

Coun Cox's motion was that the town council should write to the Vale Council, making the point that discussion on Primrose Hill was premature, because the new Local Development Plan (LDP) was due to be released in early October.

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Bowlers looking forward to a smooth future on new green

Delighted Cowbridge bowlers were celebrating the news that they will have a new green in time for next season. In the foreground are (left to right): Phil Beaman (Vale Council operational manager, parks and ground maintenance); Coun Gwyn John, Sue Flower and Coun Geoff Cox. (PHOTOGRAPH BY JOHN O'BEIRNE, VALE PRESS PICTURES).

MEMBERS of Cowbridge Bowling Club will get a new green next year, thanks to funding from the Vale Council.

An independent report was commissioned by the council, using the Institute of Groundsmanship to establish the condition of the artificial green.

The report advised that, even with good maintenance, the green surface would last no more than three years.

A club member told The GEM that the green was showing signs of "unexpected borrows" in certain areas, and so the club was keen to have a replacement green as soon as possible.

The club offered to contribute £12,000 towards the green replacement cost, which is estimated at between £50,000 and £60,000, and the Vale Council cabinet recently approved the replacement of the green for 2014.

Sue Flower, the chair of the Bowling Club, said: "Members of the Cowbridge Bowling Club are delighted by the news, as this will now guarantee the future of our enthusiastic and successful club, and the improved green will attract new members."

Coun Gwyn John, cabinet member for leisure, park, culture and sport development, said: "The improved surface will be of benefit to the community, as bowls is a game for both young and old.

"Cowbridge Bowling Club welcome new players who will benefit from free coaching from the experienced coaches at the club."

CALL TO CUT LDP HOUSING ALLOCATION

A Plaid Cymru councillor has called on the Vale Council to cut the number of new houses that will be allocated when the new Local Development Plan (LDP) is released early next month. He says that population in the Vale has not increased in line with expectations.

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'Vale needs a fair share of the cake'

IN last week's GEM, the leader of the Vale Council criticised me for drawing attention to two issues.

The first for complaining on behalf of disabled constituents who cannot park near their homes and the second, for highlighting the shortfall in funding that Barry and the Vale receives from Cardiff Bay.

The first issue speaks for itself. I have received calls from disabled constituents who find it difficult to leave home because they struggle to park near their property.

The council has the power to allocate a disabled space outside the houses, but has not done so.

On the issue of funding, the Vale is being short-changed by the Welsh Government and I find it difficult to believe that Coun Moore is defending them, rather than standing up in our interests.

Here in Barry and the Vale, we receive £202 less per person from the Welsh Government than Cardiff; £226 less per person than Bridgend and £409 less than RCT.

We would be £25 million better off every year if we received Cardiff's level of funding. Imagine what could be achieved – regeneration of Barry, a new school in Llantwit Major, renewal of town centres, reversal of bus cut backs. The most worrying fact is that the funding gap is getting wider every year.

To see Coun Moore blame decisions taken 17 years ago is not good enough. I am not asking for the same level of funding as RCT, but a settlement similar to Cardiff or Bridgend is more than reasonable.

It is no coincidence that Cardiff had a zero council tax increase last year. Surely, we should expect the leader of our council to champion our cause, rather than defend his political colleagues in Cardiff Bay?

It is right that efficiencies and cuts need to be made. We need to live within our means; but it is also right that we should have a fair share of the cake in the first place. At it stands, we are paying more in council tax and receiving less in grants from the Welsh Government.

This needn't be a party campaign. I ask that everyone who wants to see a fair funding settlement sign the e-petition on my website. The more attention we draw to this unjust position, the better our chance of winning a fair settlement.

Finally, regeneration grants are a way of correcting the funding imbalance. So when I heard last week that Barry and the Vale's application for £15m had fallen at the first hurdle, you will understand my anger and frustration.

The situation needs to change and I am not prepared to stand by when the Vale is losing out. Please join the fight.

Alun Cairns MP,
Barry.

Honest finder

THANK you to the kind person who returned my lost driver's license to me, after finding it in the Holm View area of Barry. It's refreshing to know there are some decent, honest people around!

Daniel Harries,
Barry Island.

NEW WAYS TO USE WELSH IN THE VALE

THE Vale of Glamorgan Council's adult and community learning service is developing a new programme of learning opportunities through the medium of Welsh, in co-operation with Menter Caerdydd, Cardiff and Vale College and the WEA,

Our first projects include choral music (Welsh choir) which will begin in Barry this term, and an orchestral music class beginning in January.

There will be a free choral music open morning-come and meet the conductor, Alice Jones and have a sing, at Palmerston Centre on Saturday, October 19, from 10am-12pm.

We hope to offer aerobics, computing, sugarcraft, languages and other subjects at our centres in Penarth, Cowbridge and Barry, and are planning a daytime lecture series.

Any members of the public who would like to be consulted or contribute to this programme, and any tutors interested in teaching, are welcome to make contact.

Mared Furnham,
(Welsh for Adults Co-ordinator)
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'What are the real reasons Barry failed in funding bid?'

THE failure of the Vale Council to attract further regeneration funding from the Welsh Government must be a cause of concern for the people of Barry.

Comments from key individuals vary considerably. They include; it lacked the wow factor; it was a disappointing and misguided decision; a slap in the face; it paves the way for actively seeking private investment; it was a body blow – to no statement at all from the Welsh Government.

We need to know what went wrong and why, so that lessons can be learned for future funding applications, but it is only the Welsh Government that knows the truth.

Barry urgently needs regeneration and investment and we citizens and taxpayers must be told the real reasons for the failure to attract funding to the town.

Jonathan Osborne,
FocusBarry member

'Can we have our buses back?'

I AM a pensioner living in Llantwit Major and am not in good health, so the bus service is a necessity to me, for being able to get to the doctors, the shops, and generally getting out and about.

I, like many other pensioners, have tried to stay independent and while we had our bus service, I was coping reasonably well.

Now they have taken that away from us, I feel like a recluse. The only way for me to get to the doctors and shops now is by taxi, which I cannot afford.

For goodness sake, whoever is responsible for the bus service in Llantwit Major, you must realise how many people this is affecting.

There are many people like me who cannot get by without our bus service; so please, please bring back our buses on the old route we used to have. We need them.

Margaret Wilson,
Llantwit Major.

Heroes' collection

ON behalf of Help for Heroes, I would like to thank all those who assisted in this collection, particularly the cadets of 372(Barry) Squadron Air Training Corps and all those members of the public who donated a magnificent £963.01. Thank you all.

Bob Wheatley,
Barry.

'Farewell to our village postie'

THE residents of East Aberthaw are sad to learn that their long standing postman, Antony Edwards, known to all as 'Pinky', is leaving them for a different delivery round.

His helpfulness and willingness to go that extra mile for his customers is legendary and the people of the village have only praise and good words for him.

He will be sorely missed, and everyone wishes him 'all the best' for the future.

Mrs Jan Dally,
East Aberthaw.

VILLAGE USED AS A 'RAT RUN'

AS a resident of Pendoylan, I must agree with Mr Short's comments last week about our village being a "perfect setting in beautiful countryside", and add that it is surrounded in all directions by very pleasant leafy lanes.

Unfortunately, however, often to the annoyance of local residents, these tend to be used as a 'rat run' (commonly at inappropriate speed) by drivers, many of whom do not seem to know how to drive in lanes, between the M4 and A48 – even though more suitable routes are available.

Phil Glanville,
Pendoylan

MESSAGE TO 'THE ELITE...'

LAST Friday, September 13, I attended a meeting in Barry, chaired by our local MP, Alun Cairns, about the loss of local buses.

Also, there were the Conservative AM, Andrew RT Davies and representatives of two bus companies.

They gave us their perspective of the situation. The upshot was the 25 per cent cut in subsidies to local transport by the Welsh Assembly Government. Bus companies need to make a profit, so cuts in subsidies means cuts in services.

Had any Labour representatives attended, they would have heard the harrowing tales of hardship from all around the Vale their policies have caused.

There has been no word on this issue from either the Transport Minister or the Finance Minister, who is the Vale AM – in fact, their silence is deafening.

I am absolutely enraged by the decisions made by our ruling elite. They seem to forget their purpose as politicians.

Mrs I Lloyd,
East Aberthaw.

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Free calligraphy class for children

FOLLOWING on a successful Creepy House calligraphy event, Cowbridge library is launching free calligraphy classes for children on Wednesdays from 4 - 5.30pm. The first one is on Wednesday, September 25, for ages 8 - 12. Contact Cowbridge Library on 01446 773941. ABOVE: Children show off their work done during the summer event.

HIGH TIDE TIMES
(UNTIL SEPTEMBER 26)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
19 Thur	06.54	10.0	19.14	10.4
20 Fri	07.35	10.2	19.56	10.4
21 Sat	08.14	10.3	20.36	10.3
22 Sun	08.53	9.9	21.11	9.9
23 Mon	09.26	9.7	21.47	9.7
24 Tues	10.01	9.4	22.19	9.1
25 Wed	10.34	8.8	22.57	8.5
26 Thur	11.11	8.3	23.37	7.8

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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Giant load rumbles through Cowbridge town centre – *without a hitch!*

Picture by NICK WILCOCK.

Cowbridge residents may have heard a slight rumble last Sunday morning (September 15) at 7.30am, when an abnormal load passed through the town. Local company Smiths Heavy Haulage were appointed to transport the load from Vessco Engineering in Bridgend to Barry Docks. The 21-ft high, 17-ft wide, 100-ton vessel required three police cars and three police bikes to escort it. Western Power and BT Openreach were also on hand to lift power cables and telephone lines. Vale Council staff were needed to remove traffic lights, carry out tree surgery and cordon off Cowbridge High Street. A company spokesperson reported: "The move went without a hitch with very little disruption to the public. Smiths Heavy Haulage successfully arrived at Barry Docks. The abnormal load will continue its journey by sea to Ellesmere Port, and then onto Stanlow Refinery by road."

The Llanblethian WI welcomes Medori's Japanese masterclass

NEWS FROM LLANBLETHIAN WI

OUR speaker was a beautiful Japanese lady named Mrs Medori Pritchard, who came to tell us of the lifestyle and customs of her native Japan.

She began with the four islands which make up the country of Japan, its climate, which has four seasons much like ours.

For those who wish to visit, spring is the best time as you see all the beautiful cherry trees.

Autumn is also good. Mount Fuji always has her snow-white 'hat' whatever the season!

The Japanese custom of greeting with a bow demonstrates 'hello', respect or appreciation, depending on how low the bow.

Living accommodation is very different, a great deal of their time is spent very close to the ground.

They sit, eat, and sleep on the floor, so the need to keep their homes very clean is a priority, hence the need to remove your shoes on entering a Japanese home.

How we would manage with our metal hips and knees makes my mind boggle. Their bathing method is also very interesting.

They shower first to remove any dirt and grime, then they bathe in a bath of hot water, which they share with the rest of the family, that's a different spin on bathing.

They eat mainly fish, both cooked and raw, and also drink green tea, which makes for a very healthy diet.

Medori wore a very beautiful kimono, which was very flattering. There are various types of kimono, elaborate or practical, dependant on the occasion.

They wear no jewellery while wearing a kimono, and really it doesn't need it.

Four words to remember for your vocabulary: Hello – *Konnichiwa*; Good morning – *Ohayou*; Thank you – *Arigatou*; Goodbye – *Sayonara.*

The evening was very enjoyable, and very interesting learning about the Japanese way of life and customs.

Non-members are welcome to join us; we meet on the second Thursday of every month at Llanblethian Church Hall at 7.30pm.

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Man 'feared for his life' during drug debt attack

Report by AJ SICLUNA

A MAN feared for his life when an intruder burst into his flat, repeatedly stamped on his head and threw a television set at him, Cardiff Crown Court has heard .

At the time, the victim, 39-year-old Leon Russell, owed the man £30 for a quantity of amphetamine.

Liam Blackmore (36), who at the time was living in the Barry area, has pleaded not guilty to charges of causing actual bodily harm and criminal damage.

The court heard that since the attack, Mr Russell had died, but his death was in no way connected with the incident.

Prosecutor John Probert said that in the early hours of April 16, Blackmore went into the flat in Avocet Court, Barry, where Mr Russell was asleep on a settee.

Mr Russell heard a banging sound, and became aware he was being assaulted.

Initially, he didn't know who his attacker was, but eventually he recognised Blackmore, who shouted: "Give me my money".

After the attack, Mr Russell was left blood-stained.

Blackmore was arrested but refused to leave a police cell to be interviewed. His trousers and trainers were taken from him, and on the items was blood, identified as that of Mr Russell.

Later, Blackmore said in a statement that he was not responsible for the assault, said Mr Probert. He admitted entering the flat and said he found Mr Russell in an injured condition.

"That is the explanation for the blood on his trainers and trousers," said Mr Probert.

He said it was convenient that he gave such an explanation at such a late stage in the proceedings.

In a statement, Mr Russell said that the defendant forced his way in. He said he had known him about three months and he was a heavily built man of about six feet tall.

During the attack, he said, he used his hands to cover his head but they also got stamped on.

"I was completely confused and petrified, and I felt it was going on and on," he stated. He said he believed at the time one or two other men were present.

He also said that when the television was thrown at him, it bounced off his shoulder.

His injuries, he said, including bruising, cuts, swellings, a bleeding nose and chipped teeth.

In a further statement, he said that during the attack, he feared for his life.

The case continues.

Gardening club meets

THE next meeting of Cowbridge gardening club will be on September 26 at 7.30pm in the Lesser Hall, when Rob Evans will give a talk on autumn bulbs.

Service of thanks

ON Sunday, October 6, St Mary's, Bonvilston will be holding its Harvest Thanksgiving service at 6pm, joined by members of Peterston Choir.

The service will be led by Rev Martyn Davies and will be followed by a harvest supper of cawl, bread and cheese, served in the Red Lion.

The Bonvilston History Group will also be launching the reprint of Charles Deere's *Recollections*, which has been re-originated in colour with some additions.

It was originally published in the late 1970s and provides a fascinating insight into life in the early 1900s.

This is part of a larger project to record and display the history of Bonvilston in St Mary's Church and is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and the 'Pride in Our Heritage' fund of Creative Rural Communities in Cowbridge.

Copies of the book will be available for sale on the night. For more information, contact Paul Fisher on 01446 781686.

Rotary club's new member

RECENTLY, Nick Broekstra, the president of the Rotary Club of Cowbridge, welcomed Ann Miller to the club.

Ann had previously been a member of a Rotary Club in Barry and decided to transfer to Cowbridge some time ago.

"I'm looking forward to being in this club," she said, "and I know that the rest of the members are glad to have another Rotarian in their team.

"Rotary is about sharing different perspectives, discovering new cultures, joining in and helping with projects that change people's lives around the world for the better, but most of all, having fun with a good crowd of friends." AB

Booksale at library

Cowbridge Library will be holding a booksale until October 12. Good selection of fiction, non-fiction and children's books. Booksale hours will be from 9.30am to 5pm Monday to Saturday.

Storytime at Cowbridge Library, every Wednesday, 2pm–2.30pm during term-time.

Stories and crafts for up to four-year-olds.

For more information contact the library on 01446 773941.

SOCIETY RESUMES

ON Thursday, September 26, Cowbridge Art Society will start its current programme of event with a social event.

It will consist of light refreshments, a silent auction of art books and materials, and the judging of entries for the CAS 2014 calendar competition.

The society meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge (7pm-9pm) and new or potential members are welcome.

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Rough road

DURING a recent visit to a friend living in the Park Newydd area of Treoes village, I became aware of the dangerous state of the road.

The road surface is very uneven and as the area is frequently used by villagers walking their dogs to the nearby woods, it really is a miracle that someone hasn't had an accident.

So please, Vale of Glamorgan highways department, pay the area a visit!

School outing

NOW the children have settled back at Llangan Primary School following the long summer holiday, they will no doubt be looking forward to exciting events being planned for the months before Christmas.

The lucky children in year-5/6 travel to Barry Island this week for a lesson with the RNLI.

Open day at chapel

BARRY Town Council held an open day at Merthyr Dyfan Chapel, in the grounds of Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery on September 7.

The records of burials in the Merthyr Dyfan Cemetery were available for inspection by the public, along with information on the history of the chapel and cemetery.

September 2014 will mark the 125th anniversary of the cemetery and Barry Town Council will be commemorating this with a special event, open to all members of the public.

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A Cowbridge wedding from 1878!

The fascinating photograph (above) belongs to Vale resident Poppy Evans, and she is hoping that GEM readers may be able to throw some light on what is clearly a big society wedding in (so she believes) around 1878. With three vicars in the photograph, it certainly seems it was one to be seen at!

Poppy told The GEM: "I am pretty sure the wedding is in Cowbridge, but I don't know where. I know that the lady standing behind the bride is my great grand-mother, Sarah Jane Morgan (nee Jenkins), who was born in Ruthin Farm. Her descendants still live there to this day, although the family name is now Thomas."

Poppy discovered the photograph among her grand-mother's belongings, and is keen to find out more about it. (If you can help, Poppy can be contacted on 01443 226362).

'Gateway' group to oppose homes plan

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

The motion said that the Vale Council should be asked to defer any discussion of the application until after the LDP was released, and this was confirmed by the councillors' vote.

At the meeting, 15 minutes was set aside for representatives of the 'Gateway to Cowbridge' action group to address the council.

The group's chairman, Kevin Freeland, spoke and emphasised that the site was not included in the previous LDP as anything other than agricultural land.

He said that the group acknowledged the need for affordable housing, but not on a greenfield site.

He added that there were more suitable sites, such as the old sixth form building on Aberthin Road, and also noted that 24 units were included in a recent proposal for the Livestock Market.

Before the meeting, the group issued its first statement, saying that it has an 11-strong subcommittee of local residents, plus many other members, is organising a petition, and has lobbied councillors, AMs and Alun Cairns MP.

In the statement, Mr Freeland said: "There is not much point in local authorities devoting considerable resources and careful thought to future development plans, for the benefit of everyone, if people can come along and apply to build wherever they like.

"It makes a nonsense of the process. If permission were to be granted, without any overwhelming special circumstances, then how will the council be able to say no to all the other applications that would follow, outside the designated areas, as developers jump on the bandwagon and attempt to bag the prime locations?

"It would set a precedent. If this site was buried under bricks and mortar, it is difficult to see how land to the north of Primrose Hill would escape. In no time, the approach to the town would be transformed – and there's no going back."

Mr Freeland added "Also, the greenfield site at Primrose Hill is in the formally-designated Lower Thaw Special Landscape Area. This means it has been identified by experts as an area worthy of special protection."

For further information on the group, contact Kevin Freeland on 01446 775947, or 07595 916016, or e-mail gatewaytocowbridge@gmail.com

Fruitful autumn

THIS year promises to be a bumper year for fruit! Once again, Harvest Llantwit will help to get surplus fruit collected and used.

Many local gardens have big old trees that produce more than the owners can cope with, while people without fruit trees find the supermarkets offer Spanish plums and apples from across the globe, rather than home-grown.

We are looking for tree owners, with too much fruit or too little time, who are happy to share their harvest, to match up with individuals or community groups that could make real use of this surplus.

To register your interest in using spare fruit, or to let us know about a tree with an abundance to spare, please contact 07804 624795 or anniepaine@hotmail.co.uk.

Harvest Llantwit is a Transition Llantwit project.

ANNIE PAINE

Colourful crafts at the Boverton WI

BOVERTON WI members were greeted with an array of colourful textiles and paintings on display at the monthly meeting, courtesy of guest speaker, Pat Mears, a local artist.

Pat showed a selection of her work from her earliest embroidery at the age of 10 years, through to her current pieces – demonstrating a creative use of fabrics and techniques.

Since retirement from teaching, her work has incorporated painting and again she showed some wonderfully vivid interpretations of her subjects.

Her current portfolio includes her well known work for 'Help for Heroes,' an organisation with which she is actively involved.

All members were inspired by her lifelong passion for her work and her love of colour and texture.

Forthcoming events include the autumn council meeting in Port Talbot on November 4 and the trip to Bristol on November 9.

The competition 'Bloom of the Month,' was won by Val Milson and the raffles were won by Jean Butler and Chris Kettle.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 10. All are welcome. **HM**

Nathan wins a prestigious US golf scholarship

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

A young Bridgend golfer has realised a sporting dream by winning a sports scholarship to Kirkwood College, Iowa in America.

Nathan Chilcott (21) started this August and will train as a golfer, while also studying for a business degree.

As a youngster, Nathan attended Ysgol Bro Ogwr, Bridgend and Ysgol Gyfyn, Llanhari, and played golf for St Mary's Golf Club junior team and Southerndown Golf Club men's team.

"My interest in the game began at 12 years old when my dad introduced me and my brother Chris to golf at the Pencoed College course.

"We then became junior members at St Mary's Golf Club, Pencoed."

Nathan's potential for the scholarship was spotted when he was playing in a tournament abroad.

"After playing in the grand final of the Faldo Series in Brazil, First Point contacted me asking whether I would be interested in studying in the USA on a golf scholarship."

Rosie Witham from FirstPoint USA explained: "American colleges are keen to attract the very best sporting talent from across the world.

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Nathan said: "When I was offered the scholarship, I was relieved to be finally be given that chance."

He will be training and studying in America for four years. In his first US tournament, he tied for sixth place out of 120 entrants.

Nathan plays off 'scratch' and his dream is to become a professional tour golfer.

His mother Colette said: "I'm so proud of him. We noticed that both boys were sporty kids and they took to golf and loved the sport.

"Nathan went on to develop further and it became his main ambition in life. If he wasn't in school or working, he was at the golf club.

"I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in helping us get Nathan to the USA. Friends and family have worked hard and supported him."

ABOVE: Nathan Chilcott.

BRIDGE RESULTS

Results for Cowbridge and District (Llanbleddian) Bridge Club, September 17:

1st, Brenda Grove and Pam Higgs 61.9 per cent; 2nd, Helen and Mike Ruttley 61.11; 3rd, Rita Williams and Marian East 58.33.

Please remember the AGM on September 24 at 7.15pm, followed by 'Party Bridge'. ME

Scouts' jumble sale

THE annual Cowbridge Scout Group jumble sale will be held this Saturday, September 21, in the Scout Hall at the back of the Cattle Market.

Doors will open from 10.30am-12.30pm. With an eclectic mix of clothes, bric-a-brac, antiques, books, videos and toys, "there's something for everyone"

If you have items to donate and have not received a collection leaflet, you can drop them off at the Scout Hall on Friday, September 20 from 10am.

Post-war photographs of Llandow airfield

ABOVE: 614 Squadron gather for a group photograph..

ABOVE: Viv believes he has been able to identify a number, but not all of the people in the above photograph. Front row, left to right: Flt Lt George, Air Commodore Cadman, the Squadron Leader (who was killed in a Tudor crash), Flt Lt Spurdens, and an engineer officer. At the back, to the extreme left, behind Flt Lt Martin, is the late Graham Crocker who was a resident of Cowbridge.

Servicing a Harvard trainer.

ABOVE: Returning from a training flight.

Mr Viv Morgan, who lives in Bridgend, has written to The GEM regarding his post-war memories of Llandow – and included some photographs.

He explained: "In 1946, after returning from a four-year tour of the Middle East, I was posted to the Air Ministry in London.

"I was informed that No.614 (County of Glamorgan) R.Aux.AF Squadron, which had been disbanded at the end of the war, was being reformed and based at RAF Llandow."

Mr Morgan was introduced to a Flt Lt CN Spurdens who was to be the adjutant of the Squadron and they went to Llandow to make preparations to welcome the new RAF personnel.

There were three regular RAF Officers, Flt Lt Spurdens, the adjutant; Flt Lt George Martin (from Cardiff); the flying instructor and the engineer officer whose name Mr Morgan cannot recall.

Mr Morgan was the sergeant in charge of the orderly room and helped to recruit ground staff and pilots.

PoW patients' comments will go on hospital notice board

PATIENTS at the Princess of Wales Hospital are being given a chance to have their say about the care they receive – in a bid to improve services.

ABM is piloting a feedback form that gives them the chance to rate the care and treatment they received.

It's among the measures being taken after a number of quality and safety concerns were raised over some services at the hospital.

The Friends and Family Test was inspired by a similar scheme in England, and now ABM has become the first Welsh health board to trial it.

Patients, relatives and carers are asked to complete a form that asks one simple question: How likely are you to recommend this ward/unit to friends and family if they needed similar care or treatment?

They can tick one of six possible responses, ranging from extremely likely to extremely unlikely. There is also a space for comments.

The ABM head of patient experience, Paul Jones, said:"We are piloting it in 22 different units and wards across Princess of Wales Hospital.

"The forms are collected every Thursday and Friday. We process them the following Monday morning and ward sisters and lead nurses have the results by Monday lunchtime. These will be displayed on their notice boards so patients and visitors can see them."

Mr Jones said: "We look at the comments to identify any emerging themes and see if there is anything we could perhaps do better."

"Once all the versions are working satisfactorily we will be looking at when to roll it out across the board."

Ward 10 sister Maggi Earnshaw said:"It's important we listen to what patients and relatives tell us. If they raise something, we address it straight away.

"But it's also great for staff morale when they read the comments and see patients really do appreciate them."

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PORTHCAWL ARTIST'S CANVAS IS THE BEACH!

A LOCAL artist is celebrating the autumn equinox by creating a piece of 'land art' on Coney Beach, Porthcawl, this Saturday, September 21.

Siobhan Grice has been inspired to do land art installations on the beach over the last three years, and she will be there from 9am to 9pm, working on the first of a three-part installation, 'The Wave of Change' starting with 'Watching'.

She told The GEM: "I will be doing beach art, photographing the day and listening to people's thoughts for change".

The photographs taken will be projected at the Stage Door in the Grand Pavilion on October 26, between 1pm and 3pm, and people can also share their views again as part of Siobhan's interactive art installation entitled 'Catching'.

This installation will end back at Coney Beach for sunset at 5.30pm on October 26, when the public are invited to light lanterns along the shoreline for what they would like to see in their lives, called 'Becoming'.

This is part of Sustainable Wales's Green Room programme of events, in association with Splash Up from 12pm – 5pm. *For the full programme see www.sustainablewales.org.uk*

ABOVE: Last year's piece of land art, created by Siobhan Grice at Coney Beach.

Join Castaways!

THE Castaways Club is holding a coffee morning and open session on Friday, September 27 at 10.30am, at the Castleland Drop In Centre, Belvedere Crescent, Barry.

Entry and a cup of tea are free! There will be cakes, bric-a-brac and raffles. All are welcome to come along.

The Castaways is an independently run club for older people living in the Vale, meeting twice a week for social activities, bingo and lunch. New members are very welcome – to find out more contact Sue on 01446 734387.

Airline pilot was attacked by cabin crew ex-girlfriend

CROWN COURT REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

AN airline pilot had a broken glass thrust into the side of his face by a drunken cabin crew member when he told her their affair was over.

Cardiff Crown Court heard that soon after 36-year-old Frances Smith confessed to the police: "I did it, I'm really sorry, I've done a stupid thing."

The victim, David Gibbs, who lives in Barry, suffered an 8cm cut to the side of his jaw, which required deep and surface stitches.

Smith, who lives in Horley, Surrey, and who had no previous convictions, admitted a charge of wounding.

She was sentenced to a year's imprisonment, suspended for two years, made subject to a supervision order for a year, and directed to carry out 150 hours unpaid work.

She was also ordered to pay costs of £535 and a victim surcharge of £100.

Said Judge Tom Crowther QC: "Had that injury been lower, the consequences would have been utterly dreadful.

"You made early admissions and you have shown remorse."

Prosecutor David Pugh said the couple had been in a relationship for 18 months.

"He is from Barry, and at about 6pm on May 5, they left the Premier Inn in the town and went to J D Wetherspoon and later Finnegan's Bar in Barry.

"They were accompanied by Mr Gibbs' adult daughter."

He said the couple had a disagreement and a verbal argument, which passed.

There were then text messages between them, and he said: "Leave me alone, we're finished."

She had referred to a friend as a "slag" and texted him back, saying she understood.

She then became intoxicated and emotional, and about 9.30pm, all three were in the bar, and she said to him: "Why didn't you tell your daughter I'm pregnant?"

She was not.

She threw her drink into Mr Gibbs' face and when he turned to the bar, she struck him with a broken glass to the face.

The wound bled profusely and she ran from the premises and was detained by an off-duty police officer.

She told officers she had been extremely upset, had had two pregnancy terminations at his request and had not got over it, said Mr Pugh.

She accepted she had taken a significant amount of alcohol and on a drunken scale of one to ten, she said she was nine.

She accepted she was not pregnant.

When her counsel, Tracey Lloyd-Nesling, stood up to mitigate, the judge said: "You don't need to, I'm not sending this woman to prison."

'Plough's that, as Keith lands the title

THE Ferguson European T20 Ploughing Championship was held at Gileston Farm, Vale of Glamorgan, on Sunday, September 8, in association with the Vale of Glamorgan Ploughing and Hedging Society.

The event was blessed with good weather, and over 20 competitors took part in the match.

The Ferguson European T20 Championship was won by Keith Williams from Hereford, the president of the Vale of Glamorgan Ploughing and Hedging Society, Mr JRJ Thomas of Gileston Farm, presented Keith with the Harry Ferguson Memorial Trophy.

The Society's open event was won by Adam Llewellyn of Aberkenfig; the organisers were please to welcome a number of young competitors.

The results of the European T20 Ploughing Championship were: first champion – Keith Williams, Kings Caple,Hereford; Second – Co Looijesteijn, Van Balen, Netherlands; third, Donald Mills, Knighton, Powys; fourth – Andrew Drinkwater, Chipping Campden, Gloucester; fifth– Robert Godfrey, Hawarden, Flintshire.

The junior winner was Sam Ritchie, Rhosgoch, Powys.

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SCOUT JUMBLE

COWBRIDGE Scouts hold their annual jumble sale on September 21 from 10.30am-12.30pm at the Scout Hall, behind the sheep market in Cowbridge. Entry fee 50p.

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SCHOOL PRAISES ITS CROP OF SPORTING STARS

COWBRIDGE Comprehensive School staged its annual sports presentation ceremony on September 13.

Headteacher Debra Thomas welcomed the guests, teachers, parents and pupils to the presentation to honour the school's international sportspersons and winners of international, national, county and district competitions.

Certificates were also given to members of winning teams and county representatives.

Debra Thomas introduced the special guest, Lloyd Williams, the former Cowbridge pupil who now plays rugby for the Cardiff Blues and is a member of the national Welsh squad, and Suzy Drane, captain of the Welsh netball team, who has represented Wales at European Championships and Commonwealth games.

The evening was compered by the head of the PE department, Mr Neil Thomas, who conducted the evening smoothly and quickly.

The school gained successes in the following sports:

CROSS-COUNTRY

YEAR-7 GIRLS WERE CARDIFF & VALE COUNTY LEAGUE WINNERS. MERIEL CLODE WON THE INDIVIDUAL.

YEAR-7 AND 8 WERE SOUTH WALES CHAMPIONSHIPS. WITH MERIEL CLODE THE WINNER.

YEAR-8 AND 9 GIRLS WERE CARDIFF & VALE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS, WHILE SEREN ALLIN WAS THE INDIVIDUAL WELSH CHAMPIONSHIPS WINNER.

SEREN ALLIN ALSO TOOK THE YEAR-9 AND 10 SOUTH WALES TITLE.

THE YEAR-10, 11, 12 AND 13 GIRLS WON THE CARDIFF & VALE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS, AND FIONA BRAY TOOK THE INDIVIDUAL.

IN THE SENIOR SOUTH WALES CHAMPIONSHIPS, FIONA WAS THE RUNNER-UP.

SENIOR GIRLS FIONA BRAY AND NIKITA JOHN REPRESENTED THE COUNTY, AS DID MIDDLE GIRLS NADINE JAMES; REBECCA THOMAS; TILLY HALL; ALICE TUDOR AND MILLIE GREEN.

JUNIOR GIRLS WHO REPRESENTED THE COUNTY WERE: SEREN ALLIN; CERYS BRADSHAW AND SELINA RADCLIFFE.

YEAR-7 GIRLS WHO REPRESENTED SOUTH WALES WERE: JESSICA WADEY; RACHEL ANSTEY; MALI HOWELL; EMILY JENKINS; MERIEL CLODE AND AIMEE JONES.

BOYS WHO GAINED REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS WERE JOSH PETERSON (JUNIOR); ALEX LOVE (MIDDLE) AND FROM YEAR-7: LOGAN ROACH; ALEX BROOKS-BENT; AND ROWAN ALLIN.

RUGBY: YEAR-12/13

VALE OF GLAMORGAN SEVENS WINNERS: *CAPTAIN:* GUS-REES MCPHERSON.

LLANDOVERY COLLEGE SEVENS – RUNNERS UP, *CAPTAIN*: GUS-REES MCPHERSON

YEAR-11:

WELSH UNDER-16 CUP WINNERS,*CAPTAIN* – JOSEF GAUGHAN,

VALE LEAGUE & CUP WINNERS *CAPTAIN*: – JOSEF GAUGHAN

VALE SEVENS WINNERS, *CAPTAIN* – JOSEF GAUGHAN.

YEAR-10:

VALE LEAGUE & CUP WINNERS, *CAPTAIN* – JOSEF DAVIES.

VALE SEVENS WINNERS, *CAPTAIN* – JOSEF DAVIES.

YEAR-9:

VALE LEAGUE AND CUP, RUNNERS UP, *CAPTAIN* – TOM EDWARDS.

YEAR-8:

VALE LEAGUE AND CUP WINNERS, *CAPTAIN* – SAM CORKILL.

VALE SEVENS WINNERS, *CAPTAIN* – SAM CORKILL.

NATIONAL URDD SEVENS WINNERS, *CAPTAIN* – BEVAN HOWELLS.

YEAR-7:

VALE SEVENS RUNNERS UP, *CAPTAIN* – REUBEN WILLIAMS.

VALE OF GLAMORGANI LEAGUE & CUP WINNERS, *CAPTAIN* – REUBEN WILLIAMS.

REGIONAL REPRESENTATION

UNDER-16 CARDIFF BLUES:

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UNDER-16 CARDIFF BLUES DEVELOPMENT – MATHEW LOCK.

VALE UNDER-15: JOE DAVIES, RIAN THOMAS, BEN JONES, TOM EVANS, JAMES BENNETT, TOM LUCAS, HYWEL WILLIAMS

HOCKEY

YEAR-12/13 GIRLS

CARDIFF & VALE TOURNAMENT WINNERS, *CAPTAIN* – RACHEL BRADSHAW.

YEAR-9

COUNTY FINALIST – SELINA RADCLIFFE.

YEAR-7 COUNTY FINALIST – FFION MCNAMEE.

FOOTBALL

SENIOR BOYS CARDIFF & VALE SCHOOLS, RUNNERS UP, CAPTAIN – ADAM ROSCOW.

UNDER-13 GIRLS FOOTBALL, VALE SCHOOLS, RUNNERS UP, CAPTAIN – FFION MACNAMEE.

COUNTY REPRESENTATION

UNDER-12 BOYS: SAM GREEN AND LOGAN ROACH.

UNDER-13 BOYS: ELLIS CARTLIDGE LLEWELLYN.

CARDIFF DEVELOPMENT SQUAD. UNDER-13 BOYS: MOSES GEE; LIAM MURPHY.

UNDER-15 BOYS: DAVE BEAR; TOM WILLIAMS AND JOSH PETERSON.

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UNDER-13 BOYS: OLIVER COOPER AND RHYDIAN WILLIAMS.

BRISTOL ACADEMY

UNDER-12 BOYS – LOGAN ROACH.

WEST WALES REPRESENTATION.

UNDER-13 BOYS – RHYDIAN WILLIAMS.

SOUTH WALES UNDER-14 GIRLS – ANNABEL JONES.

NETBALL

YEAR-7

CARDIFF AND VALE TOURNAMENT RUNNERS UP, *CAPTAIN* – MERIEL CLODE.

VALE TOURNAMENT WINNERS, *CAPTAIN* – MERIEL CLODE.

YEAR-8

VALE TOURNAMENT RUNNERS UP, *CAPTAIN* – ANNABEL HEGARTY.

YEAR-9

VALE TOURNAMENT WINNERS, *CAPTAIN* – FFION VICKERS.

YEAR-11

VALE TOURNAMENT RUNNERS UP, *CAPTAIN* – OLIVIA BROWN.

SENIOR TEAM

VALE TOURNAMENT WINNERS, *CAPTAIN* – LYDIA HITCHINGS.

COUNTY REPRESENTATION.

UNDER-16: JOANNA WILKINS; LYDIA HITCHINGS.

UNDER-18: LIZ WHITEHOUSE; MAIRI BOXALL; CAITLIN ALLIN; IMOGEN HARRISON

WELSH DEVELOPMENT HUB.

KIM JERWOOD; JOANNA WILKINS; LYDIA HITCHINGS; IMOGEN HARRISON.

BASKETBALL

UNDER-15 CARDIFF AND VALE SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS WINNERS, *CAPTAIN* – HARVEY STOCKFORD.

COUNTY REPRESENTATION

UNDER-16 BOYS: DECLAIN THOMAS; ALEX GREAVES; HARRY STUBBINGTON.

See GEM for more from this evening.

SEEING NEW ASPECTS OF WALES IN A FRESH LIGHT

ST NICHOLAS WI

AT the September meeting, president Fran Mitchell, was pleased to welcome the return of a past member, and a possible new one.

The coffee morning, which some of our members had organised in Bonvilston Reading Room, raised £226 for Cancer Research and Fran announced that, in October, there would be a collection of used clothes, with the aim of filling at least 20 of the charity's bags.

Members are looking forward to a performance of Blood Brothers in Porthcawl and a trip in November. Ann Bryant invited us to demonstrate our 'renowned prowess' in cooking by contributing to a recipe book to be published by St Nicholas Church.

The federation newsletter and usual business was dealt with and then our speaker, Rosemary Scadden, was introduced. Her presentation – Aspects of Wales – was illustrated with her excellent photographs of Wales through the seasons.

As a TV researcher, she knows the country very well and some of those aspects were unusual, Tintern Abbey from a boat on the Wye, in particular, taken when planning a broadcast of Highways with Harry Secombe some years ago.

We meet again on Thursday, October 3, in St Nicholas Village Hall, when our speaker will be Elizabeth Mathews from Barry RNLI. New members are welcome. ***WL***

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Volunteer hub gets a boost from supermarket

PICTURED (left to right): Mr Ian Hunt (managing director, Filco Supermarket); Natalie Sargent (deputy director, Vale Volunteer Bureau), Mathew Coffin (Good Neighbours and Ageing Well manager, Age Concern), Mayor Keith Geary (Llantwit Major) and Gemma Murphy (Volunteer Support Officer).

THE Vale Volunteer Bureau (VVB) has been awarded £500 from the 'Make a Difference Locally' fund applied for through Filco Supermarket.

Alison Steere, director of VVB, said: "This was fantastic news and we are really pleased with the support we received for our application from Filco Supermarket.

"This fund has enabled us to pilot shop front premises on Boverton Road in Llantwit Major, and the results have been fantastic – we have helped to support over 100 local residents and many organisations within a few weeks. We are therefore pleased to announce that we will continue to be open until at least March 2014."

Gary Bohun from Age Concern, Llantwit Major, stated that" "The VVB helps me greatly with recruiting volunteers who provide a vital service for older people in our communities. The staff at VVB are always very helpful, and volunteers speak highly of the support and enthusiasm they provide.

"Since they have opened an office in Llantwit Major, there has been a marked increase in potential volunteers referred to me. This means that I am able to provide services to more older people within the western Vale."

VVB opened its premises on Boverton Road (next to the Post Office) in June. It is open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and the last Saturday of the month from 10am–2pm. The main premises on Holton Road, Barry are open from Monday to Friday from 10am–4pm.

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Organ donation law receives royal assent

A LANDMARK Welsh law which will change the system of organ donation in Wales has been granted royal assent by the Queen.

Wales will become the first nation in the UK to introduce a soft opt-out system of organ donation when the new law is brought fully into effect on December 1, 2015.

A soft opt-out system of organ donation means that unless a person makes a decision to be a donor (opts in) or NOT to be a donor (opts out), their consent to donation will be deemed to have been given.

At any one time there are about 220 Welsh residents on the active waiting list for a transplant. Last year, around one person a week died in Wales while waiting for an organ donation.

The First Minister of Wales, Carwyn Jones said: "The Human Transplantation (Wales) Act 2013 is arguably the most significant piece of legislation passed by the National Assembly for Wales since it acquired full lawmaking powers in 2011.

"Many people will wait years for a transplant but, sadly, many die waiting on the list. The shortage of human organs continues to cause otherwise preventable deaths and suffering.

"This law will not only help reduce the waiting list, but will also help save lives, by reducing the number of people who needlessly die waiting for an organ transplant."

Wales Health Minister, Mark Drakeford said: "Although we celebrate the commencement of the Act today, it is important to remember the new system will not come into force until December 1, 2015, following a two-year public information campaign."

"During this campaign, people will be given plenty of information on how the new system works and what their choices are. Even today though, people can help others by ensuring their loved ones know their wishes about organ donation and I would encourage everyone to have that conversation."

ADVERTISING PROMOTION

Get back on track with a new course!

ENROLMENTS are being taken for new adult education courses starting in September – and there are now more courses than ever before to help you get back on track and gain some skills and qualifications.

Adult & Community Centres are launching their new Get Back on Track programme with a range of short courses and one day workshops that will help you learn to use the internet and email, do Online Job search and applications, write your CV and learn the basics of computers, to help you in the workplace.

The courses are ideal if you are unemployed, or thinking of going back to work – and are free to anyone in receipt of benefits or who is seeking employment. The short courses are an ideal starting point to gain some skills and confidence and decide what to do next.

There are opportunities to brush up on your English and maths, whether you need to gain some qualifications, or jus

Free drop-in workshops are held at all centres across the Vale of Glamorgan and you can learn at your own pace in small groups.

Information on all courses can be found in the new Adult & Community Learning prospectus,which is now available at all main centres, council buildings, libraries and also on line at *www.vale-courses.org*

The prospectus contains information on all the courses on offer from September, including Computers, Creative Arts, Languages, Health & Wellbeing, English &and maths, and Welsh. Other courses include Counselling, Music, History and Literature.

Many courses are now accredited with the chance to gain some useful qualifications for the workplace, or as a stepping stone to further education.

Fee concessions are available for anyone who is retired or in receipt of benefits,and there is a free crèche available for under fives at certain centres.

Courses commence from September 23. For more information, contact an Adult & Community Learning Centre:
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'Adjust housing target in line with population change' – says *councillor*

A Plaid Cymru Vale councillor insists the small population increase in the Vale last year shows the need to rethink the number of new houses being built – including proposed estates such as at Weycock Cross in Barry, and others in Llantwit Major, Cowbridge and Ystradowen.

Coun Ian Johnson pointed out that according to the Office for National Statistics' mid-year estimates, the Vale's population grew by 152 people between 2011 and 2012 – the first year of the council's new fifteen year Local Development Plan (LDP) which will run from 2011 until 2026.

The estimated population increased from 126,679 to 126,831, with 282 more births than deaths and a net migration of 130 people more leaving the county.

Coun Johnson, who represents the centre of Barry, said plans in the LDP for approximately 10,000 new houses in the Vale were out of step with the actual population increase in recent years, and called for a revision of the housing targets.

He said: "It is important that new housing meets local needs, rather than driving the market.

"There was an assumption in drawing up the old LDP that the Vale's population would be increasing by between 550 and 900 people per year but, in what would have been the first year of the plan, the population has grown by just 152 people."

Seven years ago, talk of a Defence Academy at St Athan led people to predict a significant increase in the Vale's population in a relatively short period of time.

INCREASE

Coun Johnson stressed: "Estimates came at a time when we were expecting a major population boost in St Athan and when the economy was booming.

"The average Vale household is 2.3 people, which would mean 23,000 population growth to fill the 10,000 houses that we are supposed to need.

"Clearly that population increase is not happening at the moment.

"Circumstances have changed and the new LDP's housing targets, when published, must be revised to reflect those changes."

The Vale Council and Welsh Government must think hard about the sort of accommodation needed, argued Coun Johnson.

"With the impact of the 'bedroom tax' and other housing benefit changes being felt, we need a greater number of smaller properties and affordable housing to meet the obvious local need for these type of homes.

"This means successfully bringing more empty properties back into use and making best use of new projects to deliver social housing.

"That must be the priority in the new LDP. Failure to revise the target numbers of houses to be built in the Vale will increase pressures on services and infrastructure because it does not meet local need," he insisted.

The new LDP will be released early next month.

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Cardiff and Vale bike ride for cancer charity

SUNDAY, September 22 is this year's date for a new annual charity bike ride, with participants helping to raise vital funds for Orchid Cancer Care.

An Orchid spokeswoman said; "Riders have a choice of two routes of 30 and 60 miles, which both start at Sophia Gardens in the heart of Cardiff.

"The ride then heads west into the Vale before tracking the coast to beautiful Ogmore-by-Sea.

"Returning along the lanes through the sleepy villages of Ewenny and Gwern-y-Steeple, the route joins the Taff Trail to finish back in Sophia Gardens in the Welsh capital.

"There will be refreshment stops at regular intervals and Bike Events provide full back-up, including route-signing, marshals, medics, mechanics and support vehicles."

Orchid exists to save men's lives from testicular, prostate and penile cancers through pioneering research and promoting awareness.

Over 43,000 men will be diagnosed with a male-specific cancer in the next 12 months; from sons to grandfathers all men face the risk of prostate, penile, or testicular cancer.

Bike Events is the UK's largest organiser of fundraising and recreational cycle rides – it aims to making cycling enjoyable for everyone.

People can enter online at the www.bike-events.com website with discounts for teams of six or more. It is also possible to sign-up on the day.

Heritage Museum hosts model aircraft display

THE Barry Heritage Museum, in conjunction with the Barry RAF Association's 75th birthday celebrations, laid on a display of vintage model aircraft in the Barry Library.

Ade Pitman, chairman of the m,useum, provided the collection for people using the library.

The models are from a bygone age, when Britain was close to being invaded in World War Two.

The display will remain in the library until the end of September, when the RAF Association annually commemoraes the Battle of Britain

Many people visiting the library will have met the RAF Association vice-chairman, Jim Doyle, who helped man the exhibit and brought the work of the association to the forefront of the local community with the King Square event held on Saturday, September 7.

Jim Doyle with the display.

Former RAF veterans can also meet up with Jim Doyle at the Llantwit Major West House Hotel tomorrow (Friday, September 20) from 10am-12.30pm, when MP Alun Cairns hosts the 'Brew for the Few.'

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TREVOR WEIGHS UP THE GRAND PUMPKIN PRIZE!

FONMON Castle's 'Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin' competition at the Vale Agricultural Show, was held in the grounds of Fonmon Castle on Wednesday, August 21.

The pumpkin, grown at the castle by head gardener Alun Taylor and his team, weighed in at 49.80kg, and the winner was Trevor Walsh, who won the first prize of lunch for four at Fonmon Castle with his guess of 49.74kg. Second place, a bottle of champagne, went to Mrs Carol George, and a box of chocolates was won by Miss Jasmine Wells.

ABOVE: Competition winner Trevor Walsh (right) with Mrs Walsh, friends and Sir Brooke Boothby (centre).

Red Cross volunteers wanted

THE British Red Cross is urging people looking for a new challenge to give a few hours of their time to a service that supports vulnerable and isolated people in the Vale and Cardiff.

The Gofal y Ddolen service urgently needs more volunteers to help ensure that the right support is available to vulnerable members of the community.

The service helps people aged 50 and above who are lonely, socially isolated and lacking self confidence by harnessing the natural goodwill that exists in communities.

Volunteers are asked to commit to regular visits. Tasks include anything from simply offering encouragement and companionship to helping social activities. Volunteers can expect full support.

The service operates Monday to Friday between the hours of 9am–5pm and volunteers to make a commitment of a minimum of three to four hours per week, plus occasional attendance for training and at meetings. All of our volunteers must be DBS (formerly CRB) checked. Training is provided and a uniform is supplied. Reasonable out of pocket expenses are also covered.

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GOODYEAR DUNLOP

Ysgol Iolo is 'proud' of ESTYN report

ABOVE: Year-4 pupils Tal Williams and Non Roberts with the chair of governors, Michael Burne, and headteacher, Dylan Evans.

ESTYN, Her Majesty's Inspectorate for Education and Training in Wales, has published its report on Ysgol Iolo Morganwg, saying that the Welsh language school has many strengths, including significant examples of sector-leading practice.

The report states that standards of most pupils' key skills are very good throughout, with a high percentage of pupils consistently achieving higher than the expected levels.

The pupils were praised for their courtesy, care and respect while staff were recognised for providing a rich range of learning experiences.

Senior managers at the school were recognised for providing excellent leadership and management. The school's governors take a leading role in setting priorities for improvement and are active in encouraging examples of excellence that raise standards.

The chair of governors, Michael Burne said: "This inspection report reflects the culmination of years of work by all of the staff at our school.

"We benefit from supportive parents and from playing a part in our local community in Cowbridge and beyond. After a very rigorous inspection, achieving this level of recognition is very pleasing indeed.

"There is always more to do and higher standards to seek, but we will pause to reflect on how far the school has come in recent years before we steel ourselves for the challenges ahead.

"The school benefits from a superb teaching team, enthusiastic pupils and supportive parents – indeed, our approach to teamwork, partnership and collaboration is referenced throughout.

"We've got a great school and we are very proud of what has been achieved."

Headteacher Dylan Evans added: "The school is at the heart of the community. We welcome and encourage the partnership between parents and the school.

" This has been recognised as an excellent feature and I am proud of this achievement.

"The benefits of Welsh medium education have been widely publicised and this report is a true reflection of its success. I would like to thank everybody for their hard work."

Ysgol Iolo Morganwg has 220 pupils on the roll with 73 per cent of pupils coming from Welsh-speaking homes.

The school was last inspected in April 2007, prior to Dylan Evans joining as headteacher in November 2007.

Pupils tackle school bullies

Jessica Pritchard and Bethan Klee.

TWO pupils at Holton Road Primary have been made ambassadors for an anti-bullying charity.

Year-5 pupils donated their earnings from their recent entrepreneur trade fayre to support Bullies Out.

Headteacher Andrew Gilbert said: "Two of our year-5 pupils were so inspired during the workshop conducted by Bullies Out, that they applied and were selected to become a young anti-bullying ambassadors.

"This programmes was developed to encourage young people to speak out against bullying and to build awareness of Bullies Out.

"The school congratulates Jessica Pritchard and Bethan Klee on their successful appointment."

Penarth surgery

ELUNED PARROTT, AM for South Wales Central, will be holding an advice surgery on Friday, September 20 at Tesco Superstore, Terra Nova Way, Penarth, CF64 1SA between 1pm and 2pm. No appointment is necessary.

THE YEAR OF THE CONVOY'S ANNUAL SEAFARERS' SERVICE

THE annual Seafarers service will be held this Saturday, September 21.

This is our 16th service and it will again be held in the Memorial Hall, Barry at 11am. (The provisional date for next year's service is Saturday, September 20, 2014).

Reverend M Davies, honorary chaplain to the Merchant Navy Association (Wales) Barry branch, will officiate, and the Barry Ladies Choir will be present.

The service is open to all organisations and members of the public. It is especially hoped that family members of serving and former members of the Merchant Navy, Royal Navy and the Royal Fleet Auxiliary will also attend.

A collection will be taken during the service towards the cost of the service and in aid of seafarers' charities.

In holding a Seafarers' service, we acknowledge the vital role played by the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force in convoy duties, also all those who follow the calling of the sea, deep sea fishermen, the life boat service etc.

The presence of branch standards will be greatly appreciated at the service. The order of parade will be: Merchant Navy Associations, Royal Navy, Royal Air Force, Royal British Legion and all other standards.

A branch wreath will be laid prior to the service at the Merchant Navy Monument at 10.20am with a blessing. All other organisations are welcome to lay wreaths at this event. After the main service, the Barry Ladies and Men's choirs and the RAF St Athan Voluntary Band will provide entertainment for an hour or so.

JT GREENWAY, chairman

Tale of the master clock-craftsman of Llancarfan...

A NEW book celebrates the life and work of a famous local craftsman, Henry Williams (1727-1790), arguably the best clockmaker who ever worked in Wales.

Born in Gloucester, probably of Welsh parents, young Henry Williams served his seven-year clock-making apprenticeship with the Washbourne family in that city.

In 1752, he came to the Vale, married a local girl, and settled in Llancarfan where he became a famous clockmaker and also a successful farmer.

In his little workshop in Llancarfan, Henry Williams made quality clocks for the top end of the local market. As well as Vale farmers and ship-owners, his customers included the local aristocracy – Robert Jones of Fonmon Castle, the Morgans of Tredegar Park, the Butes of Cardiff Castle, and Wyndhams of Dunraven.

During his working life in Llancarfan, Henry Williams made hundreds of fine clocks, with beautifully engraved brass dials, housed in handsome cases of oak, walnut and mahogany.

He specialised in 'tidal-dial' clocks showing the time of local high water. He also made silver pocket watches. All his clocks and watches were signed with the name 'Henry Williams, Lancarvan'.

In addition to making quality clocks and watches, Henry Williams was a successful farmer. He won prizes from the Glamorganshire Agricultural Society. In 1783, he won 10 guineas for the best crop of turnips, and also first prize for the best boar.

After his death in 1790, Williams was followed by a succession of other clockmakers at Llancarfan, including his two grandsons. None of his successors ever produced clocks of comparable quality.

Many clocks and watches made by Henry Williams still survive, some in museums, but most are privately owned; some even by descendants of the first customers! Over 40 have now been traced, recorded and beautifully illustrated in colour.

*The book **Henry Williams, Lancarvan,** is the fruit of more than a decade of research by two local experts, Dr Ed Cloutman and Dr Bill Linnard. Published by BLURB, it contains 214 pages and over 200 photos, nearly all in colour. The book can be previewed and ordered from http://www.blurb.com/b/4556772-henry-williams-lancarvan.*

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U3A hears story of Welsh orchestra

SULLY U3A's guest speaker for September was David Hopkins from the BBC National Orchestra of Wales.

David, a trombone player, now works in the office and he gave a history of the orchestra and played extracts from his favourite music and tasters from the orchestra's forthcoming programme.

David said there was no orchestra in Wales until the 1920s, when the Welsh Orchestra was formed with around 20 or 30 musicians. The orchestra was disbanded during World War Two and then formed again with around 40 musicians.

The orchestra's name was changed in 1993 and it now consists of about 80 full-time musicians.

Other musicians can be called upon should it need to be increased for any performance. It is orchestra-in-residence at St David's Hall, Cardiff, and also performs a season of concerts in Swansea.

In addition, the orchestra tours towns and cities across Wales throughout the year, performs annually at the BBC Proms in London, at BBC Cardiff Singer of the World, and tours internationally.

The orchestra's home is BBC Hoddinott Hall in the Wales Millennium Centre in Cardiff Bay. As well as recording studio sessions and concerts for BBC Radio 3, it provides the music for programmes such as Doctor Who and the Human Planet series.

Running parallel to the main season, the work of the orchestra's education and community outreach team is integral to its musical life.

In recent years, this work has included a DVD resource pack distributed to every primary and special school in Wales; and the development of a new concert format designed for audiences of adults and children with learning difficulties or who are deaf and hard of hearing.

The next monthly general meeting will be at 2pm on October 10, in The Old School, Sully, when Tim Wright will be giving members a journey through the beehive. New members are always welcome.

SC

Family effort raises £20,000 for hospice

Auriol hands over the cheques to Marie Curie fundraising managers.

AURIOL Drummond-Hay, a 16-year-old schoolgirl, raised over £3,000 for the Marie Curie hospice in Penarth by cycling from Land's End to John O'Groats.

She was knocked off her bike by a car on day seven of her ride, but in spite of severe bruising, she bravely carried on to reach John O'Groats. She is pictured handing over cheques to the fundraising managers of the Marie Curie home.

Auriol is the granddaughter of John Roberts, of Cowbridge, who now chairs the newly set-up Marie Curie fundraising group for Cowbridge and the Vale.

In spite of his age (77), he took part in a sponsored trek to the bottom of the Grand Canyon and raised over £15,000 for Marie Curie.

John is (right) pictured at the Grand Canyon.

OPEN DOORS AT LLANTWIT MAJOR
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Don't miss the chance to explore behind the scenes at some of the Vale of Glamorgan's most important historic buildings.

On 22 September three of Llantwit Major's architectural gems will be open to public under the Civic Trust Open Doors programme.

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See restoration in action at the **Old Place**, Castle Street, where owner and stonemason Anton Jones is restoring the former Tudor manor house. Guided tours will be offered at 11.00am, 1.00pm and 3.00pm. Places are limited and must be booked in advance on 01446 704799/704828.

Elsewhere in Llantwit there is a rare opportunity to explore the whole of the medieval **Town Hall building** as well as the Heritage Room. Test your local knowledge while there by taking part in a treasure hunt.

Finally, relax with a cup of tea in **St Illtud's Church**, established around 500AD, and be amazed by the treasures within. The Galilee Chapel, at the western end of the church, is currently being restored as an exhibition space for the church's extensive collection of early Christian stone monuments.

The Town Hall and the Church will be open between 12 noon and 4pm

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Further information on the many open buildings and activities on offer throughout September in the Vale of Glamorgan under the Open Doors programme can be found at www.civictrustwales.org

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Lions and captains' celebration evening held at Cottrell Park

ABOVE: Richard Dixon, Cardiff Blues' coach, Phil Davies and British Lions coach, Warren Gatland.

ABOVE: Chefs Anand George, Spiro Borg and Massimo Bishop-Scotti with Cardiff Blues, Wales and British Lions' captain, Sam Warburton, and Cardiff Blues, Wales and British Lions' player, Leigh Halfpenny.

HUNDREDS of guests gathered at Cottrell Park Golf Resort last Thursday, September 12, as Cardiff Blues held a prestigious Lions & Captains' celebratory dinner.

The black tie dinner celebrated the British & Irish Lions' Test series triumph in Australia, and also the fact that Blues provided the captains for the Lions, Wales, Wales under-20s and Wales sevens teams this summer.

Compering the evening were Phil Steele and Tom Shanklin and guests enjoyed two Q&A sessions during the night with the stars from Cardiff Arms Park.

The special event also saw the best in fine dining with three great chefs for the event – chef Anand George, from the Purple Poppadom, created a trio of starters, 'Spiros Fine Dining Caterers' prepared the main course, and Massimo Zucchero Pâtisserieo the desserts.

Richard Holland, chief executive at Cardiff Blues, said: "In total we had 24 players playing international rugby this summer and were proud to provide the captains to the Lions (Sam Warburton), Wales (Bradley Davies), Wales under-20s (Ellis Jenkins) and Wales sevens (Adam Thomas).

"The highlight of a superb summer of sport was the performance of the British & Irish Lions. We were thrilled for Sam Warburton, Leigh Halfpenny, Alex Cuthbert and Gethin Jenkins as they went down in history by securing a first Test series victory in 16 years.

"The dinner, in the wonderful setting of Cottrell Park Golf Resort, was a fantastic success and a fitting occasion for us to celebrate all of our players' successes," he added.

Chairman of the Welsh Rugby Union, David Pickering, and Justine Pickering.

Volunteers needed for online photo collection

VALE libraries are searching for volunteers to help create an online collection of old photographs of Barry and the surrounding area.

In collaboration with People's Collection Wales, libraries across the Vale are bringing out their stored collection of photographs from the last two centuries and putting them online for all to see.

Volunteers are needed to help scan and catalogue the photographs.

A library spokesperson said: "If you have good IT skills, are organised and pay meticulous attention to detail, please visit the Vale Volunteer Bureau at 34 Holton Road, Barr or, call the team on 01446 421782k".

Ladies choir back in rehearsal

BARRY Ladies Choir has reconvened – after a well-deserved summer break.

A busy schedule throughout June and July saw the ladies hold a successful coffee morning to raise funds for Evie, two afternoon concerts, and a successful concert in conjunction with Barry Choral Society, to raise funds for Crossways Methodist Church.

The choir is back in rehearsal to prepare for the Seafarers' Service at Barry Memorial Hall on Saturday, September 21, to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Atlantic Convoys.

A week later, the choir will welcome Kate Woolveridge, ITV Woman of the Year 2012 and WNO mezzo-soprano, to run a workshop to help the choir with their performance technique.

New members are always welcome – contact choir secretary Chris Williams on 01446 701022 for more information.

Vale drilling protest group plans Cardiff demonstration

by PHILIP IRWIN

ANTI-FRACKING campaigners in the Vale are to join a national protest in Cardiff Bay.

The Vale Says No, along with other groups against unconventional gas drilling from Wales and the UK are planning a peaceful demonstration at the Senedd on September 24, at 12pm.

The demonstration has been spearheaded by the national campaign group, Frack-Free Wales, and will have a range of speakers.

Michaela Richter, of The Vale Says No, said: "We want to give a clear message to the politicians that people in Wales are not willing to support an industry that we believe has a proven track record of damaging human health, the environment and massively disrupting communities".

The demonstration comes at a time when politicians in Wales are facing mounting pressure from both camps.

The industry has successfully lobbied UK government to offer incentives to drilling companies, while protestors are talking about more action, after the high-profile opposition at Balcombe, West Sussex.

Rob McGhee, of The Vale Says No, said:"We feel strongly that our Government should be focusing on solutions that bring jobs and money to Wales, but not at the cost of its people and this beautiful land.

"We need solutions that will provide energy for current and future generations...Solutions that are sustainable and not finite.

"We want our Government to say No to unconventional gas exploration, such as Fracking, and Yes to renewable energy!" .

For further details regarding this and other planned events see *www.frackfreewales.org* or *www.frack-off.org.uk*

BUSY DAYS FOR WICK PENSIONERS

WICK and District Pensioners Club has been kept busy with an exciting programme of events and activities.

There have been speakers on Everyone's Future, Greenlinks, Farming, Life in the WRENS, Alzheimers Society, two special birthday parties, coach trips to Carmarthen, Abergavenny Market, Bourton-on-the-Water, Bath and other interesting places including lunch and a boat trip with the Countess of Evesham.

Christmas lunch has been booked; Wick Youth Club are educating the club on the mysteries of the internet, and the autumn fair will be held on Saturday, October 26, in Wick village hall from 2pm.

The club meets on alternate Wednesdays, from 2pm-4pm in the Sports Pavilion, Wick.

For more information, contact 01656 890386. New members are always welcome.

GJ

Author's first novel is set in Bridgend

A BIRMINGHAM author who was brought up in Wick, Chris Westlake, has published his first novel, *Just a Bit of Banter, Like*, set in Bridgend and surrounding area.

He describes it as a "dark, gritty coming-of-age comedy that views the world through Nick Evans, a 20-something city slicker who returns home to rebuild his life after things go disastrously wrong in London."

The book is available at Nickleby's Bookstore in Llantwit Major, Cowbridge Bookshop, and Windsor Bookshop in Penarth, as well as Amazon.

"I was brought up in Wick, where my family still live, and although I now live in Birmingham (due to marriage) my writing always has a Welsh setting or theme, as I am proud of where I come from," he told The GEM.

Chris Westlake's first novel,* Just a Bit of Banter, Like, *has recently been published.

NEWS /IN BRIEF

US blues

BARRY welcomes back American blues musician Del Rey this Saturday (September 21) at the West End Club. Tickets £10 on the door or call Mike on 07561 143114.

Fashion show

Action Medical Research will present a fashion show by Samantha B Fashions, Ewenny, in the Millennium Hall, Park Road, Barry, on Thursday, September 26, at 2.30pm -4.30pm. Tickets £5, or pay on the door (price includes tea and cake).

Concert date

INTERNATIONAL opera singer, Adriano Graziani,who is based in Llantwit Major, returns home to Wales to appear in the 'Italian & Welsh Treasures' concert, on Friday, September 27, at 7pm in All Saints Church, Oystermouth, Swansea.

Medieval air

THE 'Knights of Honour' arrive at Cosmeston Medieval Village for a free event on September 28-29, when visitors will have the chance to see how a company of William De Caversham's medieval knights prepared for war!

At 12pm and 3pm on both days, they will don full armour as they prepare to wow the crowds with their combat shows.

Medieval music will be provided by the Contraband quartet in the Tithe Barn, and medieval village tours will also be running throughout the weekend at 12pm, 1:30pm and 3pm, at a cost of £2.50 per person.

PACT meetings

BARUC PACT, Barry Island Community Centre, Friars Road, Barry, September 30,at 6.30pm.

WENVOE Coffee & Chat meeting will be held at The September 30 at 11.am.

ILLTYD PACT, Mount Sorrel Hotel, Porthkerry Road, Barry, October 3 at 7pm.

DYFAN PACT, North Walk Community Centre, North Walk, Barry, October 6, at 7pm.

COURT PACT at YMCA HUB, Court Road, Barry, October 10 between 10am and 12 noon.

STANWELL PACT, Elfed Avenue United Church, Penarth, October 11 at 7pm.

Church open day proves to be popular

A CHURCH open day was held on September 14, when groups of walkers, who started from Bonvilston after breakfast at the Red Lion – cyclists, runners and horse riders – visited various churches and chapels in the east Vale of Glamorgan.

Highlights of the day included abseiling at Welsh St Donats church tower by priests Martyn Davies (first), and Edwin Counsell (second), followed by MP Alun Cairns.

This was augmented by a choral recital and hand bell ringing at St Peters, a guide around the bell tower at St Cadocs, and cuddly toy parachuting at Welsh St Donats and Pendoylan.

In addition, there were many opportunities to see parish records, documents, and view the medieval buildings.

The visitors were sustained by refreshments provided at a number of the venues on a highly-successful and well-attended open day.

Group praised

CARDIFF and Vale Age Concern 'outreach' group at Ewenny Village Hall has welcomed people from across the western Vale, including Ogmore-by-Sea and Southerndown and volunteers.

The group was addressed by the Vale AM, Jane Hutt, at their coffee morning, who said: "I welcome the work of Cardiff and Vale Age Concern and their volunteers in setting up groups in the rural Vale with great success, such as the group which meets in Ewenny."

Harvest Festival

NFU Cymru is inviting the public to this year's Glamorgan Harvest Festival on Thursday, October 3, at 7.30pm in Margam Abbey.

Headteacher David Jenkins and his staff invite you to

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Vale AM's surgery

THE Vale AM, Jane Hutt, will be holding a surgery this Friday, September 20 at Llantwit Major Old School, Wine Street, Llantwit Major, from 4pm-5pm.

Art workshop

VALEPLUS, the local charity that provides lifelong learning and leisure opportunities for people with a learning disability, will be holding a painting and drawing workshop at its base in High Street, Barry, this Saturday, September 21.

All are welcome to attend the session, which is affiliated to the WEA and runs from 10am until 2.30pm. Cost is £12 and booking is essential. Telephone 01446 746691 to ensure you have a place.

Organ appeal

Ruth Brown of Loose Boots will be holding the final fundraising event of the All Saints Organ Appeal, for £70,000 towards crucial organ repairs, on September 21 at 7.30pm in All Saints Church in Wales Primary School, Barry,

Tickets are £5, which can be purchased on the door, or by contacting Anita Hop on 01446 404616.

Family service

ALL Saints Church in Victoria Square, Penarth, is holding a family service on Sunday, September 22 at 10am.

Worship items suitable for all ages centred on the story of the Prodigal Son. Creche facilities available; all welcome.

Beach clean

FRIENDS of Barry Beaches will be holding its next beach clean on September 22, meeting at 3pm on Porthkerry beach, Barry. All volunteers will be welcome to spend an hour helping to clean the beach.

Harvest service

PRINCES Street, Evangelical Church in Barry is having a harvest service on September 22 at 11am.

All are welcome to come and meet the new ministry team.

The church is starting a friends and heroes children's church on the day.

Cake and a cup of tea or coffee will be served after the service.

Society AGM

BARRY and District Chrysanthemum Society's AGM is on September 24 at 5pm.

It will be held at Salem Baptist Church hall, Beryl Road, Barry.

NFU speaker

REGIONAL AM Andrew RT Davies will be the guest speaker at the Glamorgan NFU Cymru county meeting on September 25 at 10am at Pancross Farm, Llancarfan (by permission of the Thomas family).

Mr Davies joined the Welsh Conservatives in 1997. In 2007, he was elected to the National Assembly on the regional list for south Wales central, and was re-elected again in 2011.

He became leader of the Conservative group at the Assembly in 2011.

Valeways walks

ON September 26 at 10.30am, the coffee shop strollers meet at Rhoose railway station car park.

On September 27 at 10am, it's 'over the hills and far away to a palace' (two hours); meeting at the Victoria Inn, Siginstone.

On September 29 at 2.30pm, 'Fforest Fawr', meeting at Castell Coch, Tongwynlais.

Macmillan coffee

A MACMILLAN coffee morning will be held in the Learning Resource Centre at Barry Comprehensive School on September 27 at 9.45am.

Dinas Powys jumble sale

1ST Dinas Powys Scout Group jumble sale takes place on September 28 at 1.30pm in the Scout hall, Highwalls Road, Dinas Powys. Admission 50p.

Harvest festival

THE church of St Lawrence at Fort Road, Lavernock, will be holding a harvest thanksgiving service on Sunday, September 29 at 3pm.

The organist will be Anne Thomas and the service will be led by Rev Margaret Stark. Enquiries to 02920 701303.

Forum open day

VALE 50+ Strategy Forum is inviting all local residents celebrate UK Older People's Day with a special event, Wellbeing Fun Day at Llantwit Major Rugby Club, Llantwit Major, on October 1, from 10am-3pm.

The Forum has brought together a wide range of information stands and activities.

Charity walk

TOUCHED by Cancer is a charity, formed in 2010 to raise money for local groups and organisations who support cancer sufferers and their families.

Since 2010, over £25,000 has been raised by local people and distributed between The Sandville, LATCH, Velindre Hospital, and Macmillan Cancer Care.

On October 26, the fourth annual Hallowe'en sponsored walk takes place at Kenfig Nature Reserve (fancy dress optional). Registration opens at 12 noon, and the walk starts at 2pm.

The walkers will follow a circular route of approximately three miles over fairly level terrain. Fundraising stalls, a hog roast and barbecue, charity auction and music.

There is also the opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved one as twilight falls.

Items for the charity auction or raffle prizes gratefully received by the trustees. Contact Coun Megan Butcher, 01656 740451; The Community Hub, Heol Llan, North Cornelly. CF33 4DP, on 01656 670812, or email: a.morgan@caddt.org.

Welsh Hearts' autumn fayre

WELSH Hearts' autumn fayre takes place on Saturday, November 2 at the town hall in Cowbridge.

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Both charities provide much-needed services for children and adults with learning and/or physical disabilities.

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Ron Howard brings Rush of excitement to cinema screens!

A sport, it can be argued, is only as good as the rivalries it produces, the constant one-upmanship of the protagonists often elevating the particular sport to new heights of skill and accomplishment.

One such rivalry is depicted in Ron Howard's new film, *Rush*, which sees the relationship between James Hunt (Chris Hemsworth) and Nikki Lauda (Daniel Bruhl) examined, as they face off against each other before their rivalry comes to a head in the 1976 Formula 1 drivers' championship. With the championship at stake, their feud becomes more personal and intense with every race...

Ron Howard has shown an unerring ability to produce strong films regardless of genre, something that makes him underrated in the pantheon of directors. While his last two films (the underbaked *Angels & Demons* and the shonky *The Dilemma*) perhaps didn't show the director in the best light, *Rush* is a film that shares many of the characteristics of his last great film, *Frost/Nixon* – two strong willed individuals, each doing what they believe to be right, constantly trying up the ante on the other and knowing that whoever lost the battle would lose the war.

Much like that film, *Rush* is piece of work that deserves as much praise as can be heaped upon it, Howard creating a goosebump-inducing film that will have equal appeal to F1 fans as it will to those who can't tell their McLaren from their Ferrari.

It is a film that wears its debt to Asif Kapadia's *Senna* on its sleeve, its documentary-like realism a perfect counterbalance to Kapadia's use of real-life footage, and Howard's direction strikes this perfectly, the camera unobtrusive during the acting scenes creating that 'in-the-room' feel, but in amongst it when the action switches to the racetrack.

These sequences, thrilling shot by cinematographer Anthony Dod Mantle (whose visual composition gives the film its distinctive, almost vintage look), are perhaps the most

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thrilling committed to film, the use of sound and close-ups putting you into the car more than even 3D can manage, and it's hard not to bite your nails (especially if you know little of how the story unfolds) during these sequences.

Of course stunning visuals would be nothing without a good script, and Peter Morgan (who scripted *Frost/Nixon*) mines the tale of Hunt and Lauda's rivalry with aplomb. While on the surface poles apart, Hunt a playboy without (seemingly) a care in the world, Lauda the epitome of single-mindedness and drive, Morgan's screenplay delves into the characters to make them two sides of the same coin, each secretly wanting what the other has but too proud and strong-minded to ever consciously acknowledge it.

If a climactic scene feels a little too forced, spelling out their traits and why they could only ever manage a grudging respect, it's the only real misstep Morgan makes in a rich and enveloping screenplay.

The performances aren't too shabby either, Hemsworth bringing plenty of joie de vivre and casual cool to the role of Hunt, but also conveying the doubts and fragility beneath the showmanship, while the underrated Bruhl (check out 2003's *Good Bye Lenin!* for another wonderful performance) captures Lauda's cold, calculated personality while again showing what lies beneath.

There is a fine supporting cast, Olivia Wilde and Alexandra Maria Lara delivering solid performances, but this is a film that rests squarely on the central performances – and they are superb.

In a year that has seen Hollywood vehicles tend to crash at the first turn, *Rush* is a prime example of talented filmmakers creating something superb – while it may be speculative, it's fair to say that there will be few better films than *Rush* released this year.

VERDICT – A thrilling portrayal of sporting rivalry that works as both high-octane spectacle and a dramatic two-hander, *Rush* is a truly excellent piece of filmmaking. With Ron Howard's direction being complemented by Anthony Dod Mantle's cinematography, and two wonderful turns at its centre, this is a top-class piece of work. *Essential viewing*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Senna* (2010), *Frost/Nixon* (2008)

'Autumn Sounds'

' A U T U M N SOUNDS', the local entertainment group, will be starting rehearsals for their new season, following last year's success, which finished on a high at the Wales Millennium Centre.

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Autumn Sounds started back officially on September 17.

For more details, ring Marianne on 01446 793786 (answer phone available). ***MH***

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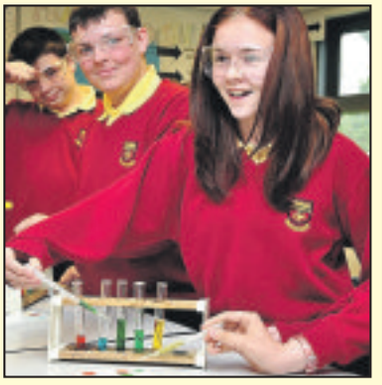

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Which home improvements will pay off in added value?

RESEARCH has looked at how people can increase the value of their property with the right home improvement project.

by JEREMY GATES

An extension or loft conversion, which creates a double bedroom with its own bathroom, can bump up the value of a home by nearly a quarter (23 per cent) – and is the single most effective home improvement project

The research by Nationwide Building Society, conducted in 2011, suggests a 10 per cent increase in floor space adds five per cent to the price of a typical home, but that an extra bedroom is usually a more effective use of your money than moving.

While moving up from a three-bedroom house to a four-bedroom, two-bathroom property costs an average £40,000 – not including legal fees and other moving costs – a loft conversion or other extension can be accomplished for possibly £30,000 to £35,000.

However, the extra bathroom is the critical point; an extra bedroom, by itself, adds only 12 per cent to average price.

Extending an existing home remains a popular option for many people.

Nationwide chief economist Robert Gardner said: "Households are happy to pay for more space, and our analysis suggests that, providing the room is usable, adding an extra bedroom can be a good way to increase the value of a home.

"While larger properties cost most to buy, smaller ones tend to have a higher price per square metre.

"This marginal cost falls in part because it is relatively cheaper to build larger properties."

The Nationwide survey also highlighted home owners concerns about energy efficiency. At the time, Government figures suggested that more than 19 million homes (86 per cent of stock) could benefit from at least one of the cost effective improvements recommended through the energy performance certificate that is required when a home is sold.

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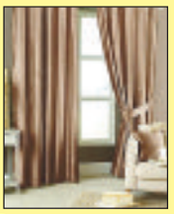

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Now's the time to prepare your nest for winter

WITH autumn arriving, it is time to prepare your home and keep you and your home snug all winter long. Severe weather can occur at any time of the year, but is most likely during the winter months. It can cause a range of problems – but you can be ready for them with our top tips to help you:

Insulate your loft – loft insulation is one of the most efficient ways to keep heat from escaping in a home. Topping up from 100mm to 270mm can save around £25 a year on heating bills.

Set the heating to switch off a short while before you go to bed – that way it'll still be nice and warm as you get ready for bed but the heating won't stay on unnecessarily once you're tucked up.

Set the heating to switch on just long enough before you wake up for the house to be warm by the time you get out of bed. But you don't need it to stay switched on all the way up to when you leave the house – the house will take a while to cool down again, so try setting the heating to turn off half an hour before you're due to go out of the door.

Use the right tog duvet for the weather (low tog in summer and high tog in winter) to avoid having to use the heating (or air conditioning) unnecessarily.

Draw curtains at dusk to keep the heat in for when you go to bed. Heavy lined curtains can also help keep the heat in.

Wear socks to bed in cold weather to keep 'toasty'.

Use a hot water bottle to warm the bed up, rather than an electric blanket.

Invest in draught excluders to keep the heat in your room. Draught proofing can save up to £55 a year on heating costs.

Call the Nest advice line on 0808 808 2244.

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More than 60 people attend bus meeting

A public meeting in Barry last week highlighting the issue of bus services in the Vale was attended by more than 60 people.

Local MP Alun Cairns chaired and organised the meeting, which was also attended by the Leader of the Welsh Conservatives, Andrew RT Davies, Jason Davies of First Group and Peter Heath from Cardiff Bus. Mike Edwards of Vale 50 Plus Strategy Forum also contributed to the meeting.

Reductions in the bus services operating grant and other local authority subsidies have meant that commercially-operated bus services have implemented reductions in services. The bus managers stated that the cuts in funding had been more severe in Wales than in England.

Local residents and bus users said they were baffled as to why the Welsh Government was subsidising the T9 airport service by a total of £470,000 when it carried very few passengers – particularly when other services were being cut. Mr Cairns said he had been trying to tackle the issue for a number of months and encouraged people to contact their other elected representatives, locally and nationally, to emphasie how strongly they felt on bus route cuts.

Andrew RT Davies told The GEM: "The number of people from across the Vale who were at the meeting on Friday displays the strength of feeling on this issue."

Wenvoe church family fun day is a hit with villagers

Pictures by KATE HIBBERT

THE first ever Wenvoe fun day was held on August 31, in Grange Park, Wenvoe.

A bouncy castle, burgers and hot dogs, face painting and a coconut shy were just a few of the activities provided by the event organisers, Vale Village Church, Wenvoe.

Local residents enjoying the sunshine at the end of the day all agreed that: "This has been a fantastic day. A lovely family day out, and for free!"

Gary Smith, leader of Vale Village Church, said: "As we approach the first anniversary of the church we thought a family fun day would be a great way to celebrate with the village.

"It was so encouraging that so many people's joined us."

'Time to deliver for the Vale' – says Tory leader

IN the coming weeks, the Welsh Government will be publishing its budget for 2014-15. As the Finance Minister your local AM, Jane Hutt, holds the purse strings and wields a great deal of influence over her Government's spending plans.

I have written today to Ms Hutt to ask her to deliver for Vale residents in three key areas: Fair Funding for the Vale – my colleague, Alun Cairns MP, has discovered that the Vale Council is currently receiving around £25 million a year less from the Labour Welsh Government than neighbouring councils Cardiff and Bridgend; around £202 and £226 less per head respectively. This has to be addressed.

More funding for rural buses – last year Ms Hutt's Government cut support for buses in Wales by over a million pounds, with the bus operators grant cut by 12 per cent here in the Vale.

This has left many rural residents completely isolated, with some no longer having any bus service at all.

Support for the NHS – cuts of more than £800 million over five years have decimated many local services and an endless array of reports indicate an on-going decline in the performance of the Welsh NHS, despite the valiant efforts of our frontline staff.

We want to see more funding allocated to protecting the health budget from these cuts.

When the Welsh Government's budget is published, Vale residents will rightly expect to see material improvements in each of these areas and I would strongly you to write to your local AM and make your views clear.

Vale residents didn't ask for a £52 million airport, or for almost half a million a year in subsidising a near empty shuttle bus. And they certainly won't accept chicken feed when this budget is published. It's time for the local AM to deliver for the Vale.

Andrew RT Davies AM South Wales Central (Leader of the Welsh Conservatives)

END OF YEAR ROUND-UP FROM YSGOL GYFUN BRO MORGANNWG

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JACK TWEDDLE receives his award.

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MATHS CHALLENGE.

The end of the Summer term was a busy time at Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg with an array of events and activities taking place Here is a small selection...

JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

A selection of our year 8 pupils were part of over 240,000 pupils from across the UK who sat the Junior Maths Challenge with roughly the top 6% receiving a gold certificate, the next 13% silver and the next 21% bronze. Congratulations to the pupils below on their success.

Gold certificate: Niclas Want , silver certificate: Bronwen Lloyd & Megan Davies, bronze certificate: Kory Russell, Nia Paddison Rees & Joseff Williams.

YEAR-12 BAC CITIZENSHIP & MODERN LANGUAGES

Four brand new political parties competed to win the 2013 Bro Morgannwg elections...

This year's parties were the Unicorn Party, The Royal Welsh Party, Paul's Party and Morgannwg Massive Party. Every pupil was given the opportunity to vote for the party that had created the most attractive manifesto and marketing campaign in their eyes.

After devising budget, language, health and environmental policies, the parties spent time canvassing, using various techniques to encourage pupils to vote for them.

After the speeches and voting, the Morgannwg Massive party was victorious. Congratulations to them, their candidate, Tom Firth, and assistant candidate, Tarl Williams.

On Wednesday, June 19, year-12 students took part in a Languages Day, as part of their BAC studies. During the day they had the opportunity to taste an array of foreign foods and enjoyed a salsa dancing session along with many other activities.

YEAR-6 RESIDENTIAL COURSE

It was a pleasure to welcome pupils from year-6 to the school on Friday, June 14 for a transition day.

Following this , 93 of the pupils went on a residential course to Pendine. While there, they had a taste of a variety of activities, including climbing, sea activities, zip wire, abseiling, river walk and, of course, the disco during the evening.

They also had the opportunity to mix with and get to know each other during the house and team activities. It was a highly successful trip and everyone enjoyed themselves.

SPORTING SUCCESS

Congratulations to Dafydd George (year 11), who came first in the 800m at the Welsh Schools Athletics event, in a time of 2 minutes, 00.96 seconds.

YEAR-6 MACBETH DAY

On Wednesday, July 3, year-6 pupils visited Ysgol y Fro in their witch and battle outfits, ready for a day of mystery and suspense – as they were immersed in the terrible world of Shakespeare's Macbeth, his evil wife and the manipulative witches.

Pupils learned about the dark themes of the play, Jacobean theatre and stagecraft and the magic and spells of Welsh poetry. The exciting activities eventually culminated in an impressive bilingual performance of our own version of the Scottish play where every student took part.

This also included scenes performed by the professional actress Nicky Branson as Lady Macbeth, and our very talented year-9 performers. A memorable day was enjoyed by all!

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Félicitations! Warmest congratulations to Nia Rowlands, MFL subject leader, on winning the accolade of Modern Foreign Languages Teacher of the Year.

The award is dedicated by Cilt Cymru and Routes into Languages to teachers who have displayed excellence in language teaching. Mrs Rowlands, who has been leading the MFL department for two years, was nominated by the pupils.

Following the original nomination, a French lesson was observed and pupils in year 10 were interviewed before we received the excellent news that Mrs Rowlands had won!

We are extremely proud of this achievement and delighted that we have the best MFL teacher in Wales currently on our staff!

There was more good news from the MFL department! Congratulations to Jack Tweddle (year-8) on becoming National French Spelling Bee runner-up 2013.

Also congratulations go to Joseff Nicholas for an excellent performance in the final round of the competition. The final was held at the National Library of Wales, Aberystwyth on Friday, July 19; très bien Jack et Joseff!

Age Concern group praised

CARDIFF and Vale Age Concern 'outreach' group at Ewenny Village Hall has welcomed people from across the western Vale, including Ogmore-by-Sea and Southerndown and volunteers.

The group was addressed by the Vale AM, Jane Hutt, at their coffee morning, who said: "I welcome the work of Cardiff and Vale Age Concern and their volunteers in setting up groups in the rural Vale with great success, such as the group which meets in Ewenny."

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Mr John Webb – **Barry Yacht Club, Redbrink Crescent, Barry** – proposed front balcony extension and new fire escape access stairs and door to rear yard.
Mr Ross Griffin – **Tregegin, Bridge Road, Llanblethian, Cowbridge** – retention of the erection of pillar totalling 1.34m in height.
United Welsh Housing Association Ltd – **land south of Primrose Hill, Cowbridge** – Residential development comprised of 60 per cent affordable housing and 40 per cent open market family housing, and associated works, including strategic access point.
Ms Joan Walsh – **Ty Celyn, Millay Lane, Llantwit Major** – T1 Holly, coppice at 250mm above ground level; T2 Macrocarpa, reduce back phototropic limbs over Holly by up to 2m; G1 2 x Elms, fell to ground level.
Mr and Mrs M Phelps – **5 Raisdale Gardens, Penarth** – Tree 3-6; crown reduce by up to 2m.
Acorn Tree Services – **51 Stanwell Road, Penarth** – remove two Conifers, conifer hedge and Ash tree.
Ms Ceri Jones – **The Croft, Llangan** – riding school on land at The Croft, Llangan.
Glyn and Phillipa George – **Y Felin Fach, Monknash** – drainage works associated with campsite.
Mr and Mrs Gillies – **Causeway House, Causeway Hill, Llanblethian, Cowbridge** – alterations and ground and first floor extension to main house, erection of detached garage, alterations boundary treatment, outbuilding forming barbecue enclosure and provision of terrace to front and rear.
Mr Paul O'Shea – **19 Sherbourne Close, Barry** – double storey extension to west side. Small single storey kitchen utility extension to east side.
Mr Geraint Morgan – **Ffos y Crydd Farm, Peterston Super Ely** – two-storey side extension and replacement garage.
Mr N Hegarty – **St Brides Court, St Brides Major** – proposed replacement barn (garage and store).
Mr A Leijerstam – **Llantrithyd Deer Park, Bonvilston** – alterations to existing dwelling.
Mr Kevin O'Sullivan – **13 Sully Terrace, Penarth** – two-storey rear extension.
Mr O Davies – **90 Windsor Road, Penarth** – ground floor rear extension.
Mr Jon Holland – **Ty Coed, Southerndown Road, St Brides Major** – two-storey extension to rear and change of pitch of main roof to 45 degrees.
Mr Edward Thomas – **Boverton Place, Boverton** – a liquid digestate storage lagoon.
Mr and Mrs Ian Palmer – **Stable Cottage, Broughton** – two-storey extension to west elevation, new garden room to rear (north) elevation.
Mr Graham Oddy – **Maesydd Farm, Llangan** – proposed glazed conservatory (forming link between existing buildings).
Mr Dion Hunter – **7 Cardiff Road Business Park, Cardiff Road, Barry** – change of use; repair, maintenance and depollution of light motor vehicles with storage for pre and post worked on vehicles.
Mr and Mrs Haydn and Cathryn Mayo – **5 Rosebery Place, Penarth** – single story extension to the rear of the property including material alterations.
Mr C Harewood – **74 Meadow Vale, Barry** – proposed removal of existing conservatory.
Proposed single storey extension to enlarge living room and form study.
Mrs L Sephton – **Eagle Cottage behind Eagle House, Eagle Lane, Cowbridge** – raise height of lower roof to create bedrooms.
Mr Simon Lane – **Northcliff Farm, Dyffryn** – reconstruction and replacement of existing dwelling and new extensions, including alterations to domestic curtilage.
Mr B Drew – **The Old Barn, Higher End, St Athan** – Proposed single storey lean to orangery to front elevation. Existing lean to roof extended across orangery extension.
Ms Ye Hong – **226 Holton Road, Barry** – the use of the commercial premises on the ground floor of the property as a hot food takeaway.
Mr Ian Hunt – **Edmonton, 84A Broadway, Llanblethian, Cowbridge** – T2 to G7 inclusive, Sycamore trees, crown raise all trees to 5/6m above ground level, remove lowest branch over roof of shed; T18 Ash, dismantle in sections; T19 Ash, dismantle in sections.
Mr and Mrs Lyndon Ward – **Court Farmhouse, Llansannor, Cowbridge** – green oak framed garage and store to side of dwelling.
Mr James Culbertson – **6 Clos Llanfair, Wenvoe** – rear single storey side and first floor side extension.
Project Managment Unit – **Eastern Promenade, Barry Island, Barry** – repairs to the Grade II listed eastern shelter; new walkways and various others works to public realm.
Project Management Unit – **Eastern Shelter, Barry Island, Barry** – repair and restoration of the Eastern Shelter; repairs to deal with concrete spalling and cracks caused by water ingress; provision of new surfacing to the promenade under the shelter; provision of new guide rail next to the roof perimeter to safeguard pedestrian access as access to the roof is being opened up as part of the wider eastern promenade works.
Mr Stewart Murdoch – **49 Winsford Road, Sully** – replacement of single-storey front porch.
Mr James Reid – **17 New Barn, Flemingston, St Athan** – construction of menage for exercising/training horses (33m x 20m).
Mr Eifion Watkins – **Boverton Post Office, Boverton** – proposed flat roof over existing yard to the Post Office shop at Boverton, rear of the site.
Newydd Housing Association – **Former Marine Hotel, Barry Island** – conversion of former Marine Hotel, demolition of storage building, development of surrounding land for 20 affordable residential units and associated works.
Mr Geoff Gilbert – **18 West Terrace, Penarth** – demolition of existing rear garden shed and replacement with new single storey garage.
Mr and Mrs D Mepham – **Bramerton House, St Brides Major** – refurbishment and erection of side extension to two storey detached house and replacement conservatory.
Cylch Meithrin Llanilltud Fawr – **The Old School, Wine Street, Llantwit Major** – erect a permanent 1m high picket fence with a gate surrounding part of an outside space to the rear of the Old School, Wine Street, Llantwit Major.
Mr Terry Smith – **13 Chantry Rise, Penarth** – alterations and extensions including demolition of existing conservatory and garage; two storey extension with balustrade to rear; single storey side porch; accommodation within roof space and re-roofing; re-rendering and cladding; replacement windows and extension of parking area.
Dr Stephen Parker – **17 St Peter's Road, Penarth** – erection of a single storey rear extension.
Mr Jamie Bloomfield – **Glanteifi, Railway Terrace, Penarth** – loft conversion with dormer to the rear providing an additional bedroom and bathroom.
Mr Joseph Lane – **Field Barn, Wick Road, Llantwit Major** – attached garage and porch.
Ms Janet White – **Land at Hill View Stud, Llysworney** – retention of stable building and wooden storage building.
Nero Holdings Ltd – **4 Birds Lane, Cowbridge** – Use of private forecourt for eating and drinking (ten tables).
Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Cardiff – **St Joseph RC Primary School, Sully Road, Penarth** – proposed freestanding canopy roof over part of central courtyard.
Ms Lynn Leach – **15 Brunel Close, Barry** – proposed ground floor re-arrangement. Proposed bedrooms over existing garage, with changes to roof.
Mr T Harris – **86 Lavernock Road, Penarth** – take down garage to side of property and construct new two-storey extension; new canopy structure to other side of property.
Chris Evans – **The Paddock, Flanders Road, Llantwit Major** – fell one atlas bile cedar and crown lift an ash tree(s).
Kim Wordley – **2 Bradford Place, Penarth** – fell sycamore in rear garden.
Mr Russell Adams – **9 Andover Close, Barry** – double storey side extension and single storey rear extension.
Mr Steven Clarke – **14 Stanton Way, Penarth** – loft conversion with rear dormer and new gables. Rear extension. New front porch.
Mr L Gibbon – **Holmhurst Cottage, The Common, Dinas Powys** – retrospective application for change of use of large domestic dwelling into two flats.
Mr Richard Powell – **9 Rockrose Way, Cogan, Penarth** – Full loft conversion with dormer to front of property.
Mr and Mrs Clement – **Tyr Orsaf, 1 Fort Road, Penarth** – porch extension and bedroom extension.

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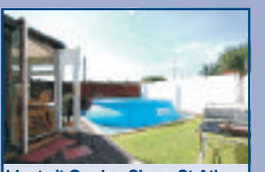

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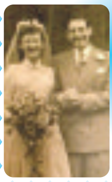

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Resting at AG Adams & Son, Tynewydd Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry, until his funeral service in the chapel on Monday, September 23rd at 2pm, followed by cremation at the Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 3pm. Family flowers only, but donations in lieu of flowers to the Parkinson's Disease Society.

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Desmond

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Olive

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Sidney

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BROWNING
Fred

Glynn Browning and family would like to sincerely thank everyone who attended his father Fred's funeral.

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Jean (née Carnes)

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Funeral service to be held at St Mary's Church, Barry, on Friday September 27 at 2.00pm, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Vale Crematorium, Barry at 3.00pm. Family flowers only, with welcome donations to Neale & Kent Ward, Barry Hospital (cheques made payable to Gerry Adams/Jill Adams), which may be made during the retiring collection following the service. All enquiries to Park Independent Funeral Directors on 01446 421212.

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Flying the flag for Llantwit Major Lifesavers!

FOLLOWING the recent success of Llantwit Major Surf Lifesaving Masters Team in the GB Championships, a small team travelled to White Sands Bay in St Davids on September 7 to compete in the Welsh Surf Life Saving Championships.

The weather forecast was for a miserable, wet weekend, but the 12-strong team and their supporters were not put off.

On the day, the weather turned out to be favourable and there were some good waves rolling onto the beach, which promised to make the competition interesting.

The team gained medals from the very first event and this success continued throughout the day. Even those not getting medal places gained valuable points, which went towards the overall league table.

By the end of the day, Pen-y-bont Surf Lifesaving club took first place, Rhoose took second place and a proud Llantwit Major Surf Lifesaving club took third place.

The team, made up of Gethin Edwards, Ben Thomas, Dewi Edwards, Ian Edwards, Stuart Sherman, John Parsons, Huw Beynon, Gruff Lucas, Natalie McDonagh, Cath Thomas, Sarah Boyd and Steph Robinson, would like to thank all the officials, judges, IRB crews and other teams & competitors for making it such a good competition.

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Barry RFC defeated by Llantwit Major

BARRY RFC travelled to Llantwit Major for a local derby, which always brings out the competitive edge of both teams, and Saturday was no different.

Barry started the game with the advantage of the slope and immediately set out their intention of playing open rugby, and with forwards and backs linking well, were rewarded with a try in the first two minutes, with the hosts conceding a penalty try, perhaps an indication of how they would play the game.

Llantwit, due to indecision from the restart, came back on the offensive, and following some good defensive play, Barry finally conceded a penalty to let the home side back into the game.

Llantwit were also keen to keep the ball moving and constantly threatened with counter attacks, but defensively Barry were sound, with strong tackling by the back row especially, albeit incurring the wrath of the referee on a few occasions.

Barry continued with their attacking intentions and were rewarded by another penalty award, which could, and possibly should, have resulted in a further penalty try or a card at least.

However, Barry again failed to secure the kick off and conceded another penalty, allowing the home side to reduce the deficit to four points after 30 minutes.

Following a superb 40-metre drive by the Barry forwards, the ball was lost; from the resulting chase, despite knock-ons by both sides, the referee awarded a fortunate try for the home side to give them a 13-10 advantage at halftime.

As expected Llantwit attacked from the restart, with Barry making changes, but as they had shown throughout the game, the defence on all fronts was effective in stopping the home side from creating much in attack. They relied heavily on kicking for territory, which was finally rewarded with a penalty to increase the lead to six points.

Unfortunately, Barry were reduced to 14 men, having used their replacements, with Scott having to leave the field, and Llantwit took advantage of the extra space with a quick threequarter movement, which succeeded in breaching the Barry defence to add a further try and conversion to make the score 23-10, which in no way reflected the game. **AJ**

Darts league

THE 2013 – 2014 season of the Cowbridge Darts League is now underway.

This year the 10 teams competing are hosted by eight pubs. The traditional venues – Edmondes Arms, Cowbridge; Farmers Arms and Hare and Hounds, Aberthin; Llanharry Working Men's Club, Llanharry; Cross Inn, Llanblethian and Old Post Inn, Bonvilston – are joined by the Highwayman Inn, Nurston and by The Star Inn, Treoes

The second round of league matches will be played on Tuesday, September 24, with the new team, The Star Inn hosting the defending champions, Edmondes B.

Last year's runners-up Llanharry host the The Old Post Ladies and the Edmondes A host the Hare and Hounds.

The Farmers Arms travel to the Highwayman Inn and new team Edmondes C host the Cross Inn.

All matches start at 8.30pm and spectators are welcome. For further information e-mail Paul at *cowbridgedarts@gmail.com*, up-to-date information can be found on the website: *www.darts.apsn.co.uk* **PJT**

Dip into Multisport!

THE fun of water sports is being spearheaded with free kayaking sessions at Cosmeston Lake, Penarth.

Multisport Wales, supported by Natural Resources Wales, has already encouraged close on 200 people to enjoy the fun of kayaking by offering free sessions with all the equipment included.

"It's a great way to get onto the water. Kayaking offers a fabulous outdoor experience in beautiful surroundings for singles and families alike," said Maria Leijerstam of Multisport Wales.

It doesn't take long to master the art and for those with a competitive spirit, there are a series of 'burn' events to become involved with, including two in October.

Margam Park's Mini Burn on October 5 is a great place to test new skills. It involves a 3k run, 10k mountain biking, 1k kayak and 2k orienteering. It is a pair and team of four event.

For those who want an even greater challenge, there is the Cardiff Burn on October 27 at Llandaff Rowing Club.

All details are online *www.burnseries.co.uk*; for more information *email adrianneleijerstam@gmail.com* or telephone 07771 700606. **AL**

RHOOSE LIFEGUARDS MASTERS TEAM GAIN SECOND PLACE AT WELSH CHAMPIONSHIPS

ABOVE: Bernie Phipps with gold medal winners Sue Blake and Sarah Bryant.

ABOVE: Members of the ladies' ski team.

WITH a team of 26, the Masters team from Rhoose Lifeguards Club travelled to St. David's for the Surf Life Saving Welsh Championships on September 7.

A packed day was ahead with a competition schedule which included surf ski and board races, sea swims, ocean man & lady, beach sprints, long runs and beach flags as well as relays in many of the above.

Conditions were fairer for the team than at some of the more recent events, but by the afternoon the sea had picked up and once again become challenging for the competitors.

The day began with the ski race events but shortly after commencing events had to be put on hold as unfortunately a yacht owner had got into trouble and the rescue boats marshalling the sea events were called into action.

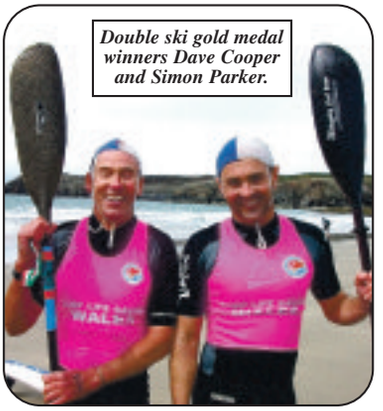
By mid-morning the competition continued with the individual and relay beach events with many medals and respectable positions gained.

Special congratulations to individual gold medal Welsh champions – Jon Foster, Heddus Davies, Melissa Downton and Janine Cordy, for their performances on the beach.

The afternoon events included surf ski and board races and swim events before moving onto the board, ski and taplin relays.

Again there were some strong performances by members of the team with individual gold medals being awarded to Welsh champions – Heddus Davies, Sian Frith and Karen O'Donoghue-Harris in the sea events.

There were also gold medals awarded in the doubles and relay sea events to Sarah Bryant & Sue Blake, 78+ double ski; Heddus Davies, Karen O'Donoghue-Harris & Sarah Bryant, 87+ board relay; Janine Cordy, Melissa Downton & Sue Blake, 117+ board relay; Sarah Bryant, Karen O'Donoghue-Harris & Sian Frith, 117+ taplin relay; Simon Parker & Dave Cooper, 98+ double ski. A full list of individual medal winners is below.



Double ski gold medal winners Dave Cooper and Simon Parker.

Well done to all of the team members who are first time competitors at a Masters event and to those who have returned to competition after a break.

Well done also to those who competed in the Ocean man and Ocean lady event – an 'Ironman/woman'-type race comprising of surf ski, board and swim.

Congratulations also to Rhoose club captain, Simon Parker, who entered and gained points in every beach and sea event and came away with a few medals too. Well done Simon!

Lastly thanks to all of the club members who undertook marshalling and other duties, especially some of the junior team who helped with carrying craft to and from events.

A big thank you also to Russell Phillips who organised the 'after competition' meal for all 38 of the club and family members who stayed at St. David's.

Rhoose Lifeguards have won the Welsh Championships for previous four years, but due to a very strong Pen-y-Bont team, finished this year's completion in second place out of the 10 teams taking part.

At the same time as the Masters championships taking place, Kathryn Gardner, Sam Blake, Rhys Perry and Lauren Blake have been busy competing at the Royal Lifesaving Society Commonwealth Championships in Australia as part of the Welsh Commonwealth team.

A list of the individual medals winners are: Heddus Davies – gold 1km run, gold board race, silver beach sprint, Jon Foster – gold beach sprint, gold beach flags, silver 1km run, Melissa Downton – gold 1km run, silver beach sprint, bronze beach flags, Amanda Lane – bronze beach sprint, silver beach flags, Darron Corden – bronze ocean man, Sian Frith – gold surf swim, Karen O'Donoghue-Harris – gold board race, gold ski race, gold ocean lady, Sarah Bryant – bronze board race, bronze 1km run, Janine Cordy – gold beach flags, bronze board race, Julie Phillips – bronze beach sprint, bronze 1km run, Dave Cooper – silver board race, silver ski race, Dennis Bloomer – silver beach sprint, silver beach flags. Many more medals were won the pairs and relay events.

The Masters team: Heddus Davies, Melissa Downton, Sue Blake, Sarah Bryant, Amanda Lane, Bernadette Phipps, Michele Wall, Karen O'Donoghue-Harris, Sian Frith, Julie Phillips, Janine, Cordy, Jon Foster, Jon Martlew, Dafydd Beasley, Richard Davidson, Darron Corden, Dominic Lee, Steve Baker, Simon Parker, Alan Wadey, Paul Gardner, Andy Wall, Jason Redrup, Dennis Bloomer, Nigel Martlew, Dave Cooper.

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Darron Corden and Richard Davidson.

ABOVE: The Rhoose members who were part of the Welsh Commonwealth Games team.

Gold medallist Jon Foster.

ABOVE: Karen O'Donoghue-Harris and Michele Wall

Tennis club to join coffee morning day

PICTURED: Back row: Tisch Beere, Non Henderson, Megan Wilson, Liz Holt and Anke Yee . Front row: Jenn Stamp, Barbara Dawes, Sandra Withey, Maureen Gray and Sandra Hood.

TENNIS club members in Dinas Powys are picking up their coffee cups and joining this year's Macmillan Cancer Support's World's Biggest Coffee Morning to raise funds for local people affected by cancer.

They will be hosting their coffee morning at the Club House, Dinas Powys Tennis Club, The Common, on Friday, September 27 from 10am to noon.

Having supported Macmillan and the coffee mornings for 12 years, the team have already raised £3,452.06 to support local people affected by cancer.

Macmillan's fundraising manager for the Vale, Rebecca Parke, said: "We are very grateful to everyone at the Dinas Powys Tennis Club for their continued support.

"Every pound raised by those taking part in events like World's Biggest Coffee Morning helps us be there for someone with cancer when they need us most, so ask your friends, family or workmates to come for coffee and raise some money to support Macmillan."

It's not too late to register your coffee morning. To find out more visit www.macmillan.org.uk/coffee or call 0845 602 1246.

Chess teams start season

NOW that September is here, Barry chess team's league season starts in earnest.

Over the next eight months our hopes are for the Bosons to beat last season's third place and for the newly promoted Camelots to hold onto their division one status.

In division two we know it will be difficult for the Quarks to avoid relegation and the Gambits will take their place in division four for the first time in seven years.

We already have three results, a win for the Bosons, a loss for the Camelots and a draw for the Gambits; the Quarks began their campaign on September 17.

In division one the Bosons earned a victory with two wins, two draws and one loss to score a 3-2 victory. The loss was expected when the opponent is Ioan Rees, who is ranked as number five in the Welsh rankings.

To pick up three of the other four points to be played for is a very creditable start, particularly when the Caerphilly Kings have traditionally been our opponents in fighting for third place in the division.

The Camelots started with a trip to Nelson to take on the Rhinos. This was a tough match to start the season as last year the Bosons struggled against the Rhinos.

On four of the five boards we were outgraded, so to pick up three draws and only lose two boards was a good result. After one round of games the three promoted teams hold the bottom three places with the Camelots recording the best result.

In division four the Gambits were the first team to travel to Bridgend Central's new venue. Again our opponents are very strong and are likely to be in the frame for promotion at the end of the season.

We were outgraded on four of the five boards so to record a draw with two wins, two defeats and one draw was a very good result.

Player of the week is the Gambits' new captain, Martin Ricketts, who picked up a victory on board one against David Merryweather who is rated 230 points above Martin.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry, CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website: barrychess-club.yolasite.com.

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THE 'LEG ENDS' WIN MEMORIAL TROPHY

Pictured above with the trophy, are the players from the winning Leg Ends, with runners-up Pro Copy, and Imps' chairman, Martin Pursall.

CADOXTON Imps AFC held the Edwin 'Eddie' Mallett seniors five-a-side football tournament at the Gol Centre, Leckwith recently.

The tournament is an annual event in memory of former treasurer Eddie Mallett who was with the Imps for more than 30 years and who sadly passed away in 2007 after a valiant struggle against prostate cancer.

The fun tournament consisted of seven teams, one from the Imps' current senior team in the Vale of Glamorgan Association Football League (Bish's Boys, led by Gareth Evans) together with invited teams of past players/managers ,including a team managed by Jeff Howells made up from fathers from Ty Hafan.

Each team played each other once in a group stage with the top four going into the semi-finals and then the final.

Surprise of the tournament was that the team of current committee members (The Croc(k)s) led by chairman Martin Pursall, vice chairman Ian James and Alex Spierling (in place of his father, secretary Gary Spierling, who took on refereeing duties) actually won a game, but that was largely as a result of the bolstering of the team with some young skillful 'ringers', bringing the average age down a few decades.

The top four teams fighting out the semi-finals were the 'Leg Ends' managed by Leigh Cogbill (who had previously won the inaugural tournament back in 2008) against Gavin Lewis' 'Goose's Greats' in the first semi-final.

A Pro Copy Athletic team led by Luke Llewellyn-Davis took on Ashley Cottle's team in the other semi-final.

The final between the Leg Ends and Pro Copy was of a very high standard and both teams were evenly matched. Leg Ends seemed to have pulled away with a 3 -1 lead with player of the tournament, Simon Robbins, making the difference.

Pro Copy came back with a late goal to make it a tense final few minutes, but despite referee Gareth Spierling's added-on 'Fergie' time, Leg Ends held on to win 3-2.

The committee would like to thank Ian James for arranging the location and Gary Spierling for his unbiased refereeing, organising the trophies and drawing up the match rota, not knowing how many teams would be turning up until five minutes before the start!

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WENVOE CASTLE GOLF NEWS

Master class for juniors

THE Welsh Mini Masters is a national golf competition held each year in association with Shelter Cymru for junior players who are in the very early stages of learning the game.

The competition involved 11 regional qualifying rounds throughout Wales and the qualifiers took part in two regional finals at Glyn Abbey Golf Club in the south and Dolgellau Golf Club in the north.

For the first time, Wenvoe Castle Golf Club had two entries and Kate Smith and Josh Harvey both made it to the regional final at Glyn Abbey Golf Club after qualifying at Heath Park.

With nearly 40 players competing at each stage ,Josh finished a very commendable sixth place in the boys section and Kate went one better by finishing in second place to gain entry to the all Wales final, to be held at Celtic Manor on October 29.

Club captain Barrie Jones was delighted with their progress and to have two entries in to the Welsh Mini Masters was great advert for the Wenvoe Castle junior coaching academy and the excellent work and dedication by the club professional, Jason Harris.

For the two talented juniors to progress so well with Kate reaching the final gave great encouragement to others taking up the game.

Nick completes a championship double

NICK CAULFIELD of Wenvoe Castle completed a magnificent double for the club in winning the Glamorgan County Seniors Championship, recently held at The Glamorganshire Golf Club.

Fellow club member Keith Stimpson had won the Glamorgan County Championship in July but this time Nick held on to win, with Keith taking the runner-up spot.

On a day that was overcast and then produced some rain, Nick overcame a strong field of 70 top golfers finishing strongly over the closing holes to win the championship for the first time with an excellent score of 76.

Nick's score was two strokes better than fellow Wenvoe Castle member and Welsh seniors' international Keith Stimpson.

Keith, along with David Frazer (Pennard Golf Club) and Steve Watkins (Neath Golf Club) seemed poised to seriously challenge Nick's 76, but all faded away slightly over the last few holes to leave Jon Owen (Pontypridd Golf Club) in third place.

Club captain Barrie Jones congratulated Nick on his excellent win and the Wenvoe Castle Golf Club is honoured to have two club members secure the top two County Championships in the same year.

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MOTORING WITH TIM SAUNDERS

New Civic delivers on its promises...

The Honda Civic diesel.

THERE are two diesel engines available on the new Honda Civic: the 2.2 and the 1.6.

I can't speak for the former, but the latter is so economical that I cover 300 miles on barely a quarter of a tank.

Honda claims that its 1.6-litre iDTEC will return 78mpg; I experienced around 60mpg encompassing all manner of driving, from stopping and starting in the slowest of traffic jams through to fast and demanding motorway cruising.

This latest example (the ninth generation) of the Civic, builds on the futuristic theme and enhances the parts that the original hinted at but didn't carry off as well, such as its rear, which features bulbous lights, while the triangular exhausts have disappeared, as you can see in the video at *test-drives.biz.*

I thought I would miss these, but the whole package is more aesthetically pleasing. The concealed handles for the rear doors make this five-door seem like a three, especially to my wife when she first tried to get our children in the back.

It's a nice touch and one that seems to have been copied by other manufacturers.

The rear windscreen is still an annoyance for me because of the position of the spoiler, which effectively cuts the screen in two and hinders vision when inside. But it's a great driver's car with body hugging 'magic' seats.

My family and I demand much from our striking red protégé and while it is not large enough for our tandem pushchair, it copes with a suitcase, my daughter's Trunki, a single pushchair, a crib, a bouncer and a box of food as well as my daughters in their two car seats.

Despite being weighed down, the driving experience is good. The economy figures I mentioned earlier are reached with a combination of automatic engine stop/start and the use of a green economy button to the right of the steering wheel.

While engaged, progress is noticeably a little lethargic on occasions and disengaging this does speed up the process.

But once the Civic is on its way, progress is satisfying and with the correct gears there's an element of gusto. The gearbox is a little notchy but it can be forgiven this for its decisiveness.

The Civic is a tricky car to reverse and on occasions it can be difficult to gauge whether there are any obstructions behind, and so it is helpful that some models are fitted with reversing sensors; unfortunately this model does not have them.

Equipped with all the usual refinement, the air conditioning is an absolute blessing during the height of our British summer, where temperatures exceed 25 degrees Celsius, so the system keeps us all extremely happy.

I find cruise control a little complicated to operate, tending to engage the speed limiter function instead, but this isn't a bad thing, especially when driving through unfamiliar territory in Surrey, where motorists are warned of speed cameras in 30mph zones.

I always find it difficult to stick to 30mph, especially when driving an unfamiliar car.

The limiter allows the motorist to set the speed and then no matter how much the accelerator is pushed, it will not exceed the setting. It does, however, exceed this speed when travelling downhill, but by no more than 3mph, and then it rectifies it fairly quickly.

The diesel Civic is so environmentally friendly that it only emits 95 grams of carbon dioxide per kilometre, which results in no road tax.

Honda should do well with this particular version of the Civic if for no other reason than its sheer efficiency, which cash strapped motorists are sure to embrace as they watch continually yo-yoing fuel prices.

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Barry Bees go into double-header action

BARRY BEES RFC played a double header against Llantwit Major and Kenfig Hill – and once again, the boys showed great commitment and fitness.

The Bees dominated the first match against Llantwit Major and were in control throughout. Cole Saunders opened the scoring with the first of his four tries, and this was followed by an excellent solo effort from Cian Anderson. Rhys Lloyd concluded the scoring in the first half.

Spencer Williams danced his way through the visitors' defence to maintain the Bees momentum in the second half. Llantwit continued to battle and despite conceding another four tries (Cole with three and Cian with one), managed to score two well deserved tries to make the final score 45-10 to the Bees.

The second match against Kenfig Hill was a classic; both sides were determined to play quality rugby despite the deteriorating conditions. Kenfig took the game to Barry in the opening five minutes, but the Bees defence was resolute and kept the visitors at bay.

When the Bees managed to get possession they were always threatening, and Cian outpaced the Kenfig defence to score in the corner for the opening try. Cole extended the lead, before Robson Mallom scored the best try of the match after a flowing move involving all the backs, to give the Bees a 15-0 lead at half time.

Kenfig Hill started the second half with renewed purpose and energy, and quickly scored a couple of tries to bring them back into contention. Cole then scored an excellent solo try after a perfectly timed interception.

However, the Bees were tiring and Kenfig continued to gain the upper hand; with the Barry defence losing shape the visitors took the lead to go 30-20 up after running in four quick tries.

The Bees were on the ropes but dug deep and showed excellent character. Isaac McBride led the charge and began to hit the rucks with real vigour; his efforts were rewarded when he smashed his way over the line to reduce the Kenfig lead to one score.

With time running out, Barry threw everything at Kenfig and were camped on the visitors' line. Their efforts were rewarded as Cian cut through to score the equalising try. It was a great game and a draw was a fair result for two very strong teams.

SQUAD: *Isaac McBride, Jacob Pereira, Rhys Lloyd, Charlie Bale, Ethan Watkins, Dylan Morris, Joe Davies, Stephen Williams, Cian Anderson, Spencer Williams, Cole Saunders, Robson Mallam, Taylor Ross-Zeal, Joe Tanner, Joseph Nationstead.* **JM**

Sully bridge club results

Monday, September 8

North/South: 1st - Sheila Kavanagh/Joan Thompson 63.83; 2nd - Peter Millar/Jane Brooks 60.61; 3rd - Pat Evans/Jane Greatrex 53.79.

East/West: 1st - Pam Sherman/Pat Verdon 68.56; 2nd - Anne Macdougall/Judy Collins 61.74; 3rd - Doug Claxton/Una Gavin 58.53.

Wednesday, September 11

North/South 1st Hilary Laurence/Moira Currie 65.65; 2nd Bunty Wiseman/Anne Johns 61.11; 3rd Celia/Huw Thomas 56.12.

East/West: 1st Una Gavin/Judy Collins 61.85; 2nd Judith Owen/Helen Jordan 56.12; 3rd John Pikoulis/Jane Greatrex 56.06. **EK**

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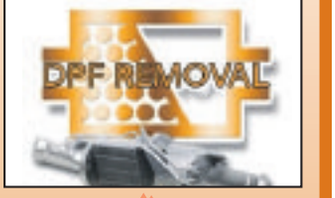

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GEM sport

First team lose in an absorbing encounter

LAST Saturday, Cowbridge 1st XV travelled into the Ogwr Valley and, in an absorbing encounter, lost 41-35 to Nantymoel.

Cowbridge opened the scoring with a neat try by full back Richie Howson, converted by outside half Carwyn Morgan, and Morgan followed that up with a superbly struck penalty from inside his own half.

Before the halftime mark Cowbridge leaked three tries but responded with a well taken try by centre Luke Boys to make the halftime score 22-18. Cowbridge had been under some pressure in the scrum and had missed some first up tackles to let in the Nantymoel for at least two of their tries.

In the second half, an injury in the front row brought on substitute prop Alun John, with Rhys Thomas moving back into the second row and now the scrum was holding its own.

However, Nantymoel went further ahead in the opening minutes, although Cowbridge responded brilliantly with two tries for flanker Rhod Walker.

The first came from a break out by scrum half Tom James who fed winger Jamie Picton-Tuberville and his pass back inside found the supporting Walker.

The second try came from more excellent support play and now Cowbridge were back in the lead at 27-30. With 20 minutes to go, Cowbridge had to dig deep and defend manfully against a series of Nantymoel attacks.

With 10 minutes to go the lines were breached with a try for Nantymoel's full back and ,after more pressure, a further try for their outside centre.

Great credit though to Cowbridge as they finished on a high with a break in midfield by Howson who drew his man and put Picton-Tuberville away for a fine try. The final score was 41-35, but Cowbridge had secured two vital bonus points in the defeat.

The scrum had gone well in the second half and the lineout had functioned well throughout. There were flashes of good play behind, but the team will have to compete for the full 80 minutes, and improve on their defence, in their next fixture.

This Saturday the club take on Tonyrefail at home with kick off 2:30pm - all support would be greatly appreciated in what is likely to be a hard match.

The youth team had an excellent win at home against St Peters, 36-20.

This followed a superb win the week before in the cup against Llanrumney. With the halftime score 17-20 to St Peters, Cowbridge had to pull out all the stops in the second half to win the game.

The try scorers were Nicky Griffiths at centre, Chris Brace at scrum half, Llwyd Elms blindside flanker, Dan Holder number 8, George Francis on the wing and Harri Trotman in the back row. There were three conversions for Jack Whittaker.

The deserved man of the match was Chris Brace, but he was pushed all the way by the performances of Nicky Griffiths and second row Conor Wyatt.

This Saturday, the team entertain Caerau Ely at home. It seems something special could be happening this season - if you'd like to get involved, come down and join in!

RV/RK

Keen racing in September Kart meeting

ROUND seven of Llandow Kart Club's summer championship incorporated the first Llandow Kart Shop Rotax Cup, helping to boost total entries to 60 as the 2013 campaign began the run towards its November conclusion.

The Cup, proposed by the on-site Llandow Kart Shop and sponsored by Mark Collings, produced a handful of outside entries across the Junior Rotax, MiniMax, Senior Rotax and 177 classes, but the overall entry was once again hit by the loss of the Senior Honda class, which suffered from another clash with the Kartmania Challenge.

Three Bambino regulars – Nathan Browning, Ella Stevens and Jett Woodfield – kicked things off in damp conditions but, as the weather improved, so did their lap times, with each achieving a silver award.

As usual, the Cadet classes combined for the biggest grid of the day, with 16 Honda and five Comer runners being joined by an enlarged IAME contingent as Shay Keough faced 'competition' from novice Matthew Rees.

While the numbers may have changed, however, the names at the top of the podium were much the same, with in-form Celtic Cup champion Ethan Ling sweeping the Honda honours and Tom Rawlings coming out on top in Comer, despite Max Fenlon sneaking a heat win along the way.

Ling was joined on the Honda podium by Stuart Ferguson and Sebastian Marlow, while Rawlings stood over Joshua Davis and Fenlon. Unsurprisingly, the more experienced Keough won out in IAME, finishing a credible fourth on the road in the combined final.

Despite the lure of Kartmania, Junior Honda numbers grew by one as Sofia Nardone joined brother Cristiano alongside regulars Kristian Prosser and Ainsley Shea-Godden. The novice acquitted herself well and was rewarded with both an unexpected third place in the final and rookie of the day honours, as heat winners Prosser and Nardone Sr battled to the line.

The combined Junior Max and MiniMax classes produced six runners, with Dunkeswell's Izaac Channing mixing it with the regulars, but it was Rob Ellis and Toby Allen who came out on top, splitting the heats between them before Ellis triumphed by a comfortable five seconds in the final. Channing claimed third in the main event, ahead of David Spiller.

In the absence of Jodie Handford, Brandon Patrick and Ceran Sokhi took up the MiniMax cudgels, but it was the former who came out on top, sweeping all four races by some margin to join Ellis as an inaugural LKS Rotax Cup champion.

The eight-strong Junior TKM field produced three different heat winners in Hugo Holmes, Ryan Edwards and Yousif Ashraf but, having for a taste for first place, Welsh champion Ashraf was not to be denied in the main event, heading Edwards and Louis Griffiths-Walker once Holmes was removed from the results.

With the Senior Hondas missing in action, the lone adult class saw Josh Collings dominate, claiming all four race wins en route to Rotax Cup honours. Jon Sweeper gave chase in heat two, but it was Sebastian Hutchinson who proved to be Collings' closest threat, taking three second places on the day. Third place in the final went to September's 'driver of the day' Dilip Singh.

The returning Max 177 class was bolstered by interloper Terry Milton, but the Dunkeswell member proved no match for the home club's Simon Wheeler, who claimed three of the four races, denied a sweep by Wayne Stone's win in the opening heat. Stone completed the class podium, with Nicky Coombs filling the gap between himself and Wheeler.

Results

Bambino: Silver Award – Nathan Browning (CRG); Ella Stevens (CK); Jett Woodfield (CRG).

Cadet Honda: 1. Ethan Ling (Project One); 2. Stuart Ferguson (Project One); 3. Sebastian Marlow (Project One).

Cadet Comer: 1. Tom Rawlings (Zip); 2. Joshua Davis (Zip); 3. Max Fenlon (Birel).

Cadet Iame: 1. Shay Keough (Shark); 2. Matthew Rees.

Junior Honda: 1. Kristian Prosser (7Kart); 2. Cristiano Nardone (7Kart); 3. Sofia Nardone.

Junior TKM: 1. Yousuf Ashraf (Jade); 2. Ryan Edwards (Tonykart); 3. Louis Griffiths-Walker (Jade).

Junior Rotax: 1. Rob Ellis (Kosmic); 2. Toby Allen (CRG); 3. Izaac Channing.

Mini Max: 1. Brandon Patrick (Kosmic); 2. Ceran Sokhi (Kosmic).

Senior Rotax: 1. Josh Collings (CRG); 2. Sebastian Hutchinson (Tonykart); 3. Dilip Singh (CRG).

Senior Rotax 177: 1. Simon Wheeler (CRG;) 2. Nicky Coombs (Tonykart); 3. Wayne Stone (Tonykart).

Best novice: Sofia Nardone (Junior Honda).

Driver of the day: Dilip Singh (Senior Rotax).

Report: Craig Llewellyn

JUNIOR RUGBY ROUND-UP

LAST Sunday, in atrocious conditions, Cowbridge under-13s kept their winning start to the season going with a comprehensive 32-0 victory away at Pentyrch.

Following a large number of players becoming unavailable at short notice, Cowbridge turned up with just the bare 15 players. These young boys put in an incredible effort to deliver a great team performance.

The opening score of the game came from a great run by Ollie Croucher. Croucher was well supported by his fellow forwards, Jack Little and Luke Connor, who ensured the ball came back quickly to Ioan Williams, the Cowbridge scrum half.

Williams fed his halfback partner Evan Thomas who in turn fed Reuben Williams, the Cowbridge number 8, who was lurking in midfield. The number 8 showed his strength and pace by charging through the now stretched Pentyrch defence, and Williams made a simple final pass for Harry Ridge, the Cowbridge inside centre, to open the scoring out wide.

From the resulting kick-off, the Cowbridge number 8 gathered the ball and set off on a length of the field run, handing off and side stepping his opponents as he went on his way.

Williams nearly made it to the try line apart from some last ditch defence from Pentyrch; when he was finally brought down, Evan Thomas was in support for a simple run in for the game's second try.

The final try of the first half came from a clearing kick from Pentyrch. Brad Downes, the Cowbridge full back, gathered the bouncing ball and broke through a couple of tackles before offloading the ball to Harry Ridge.

Ridge pinned back his ears and went for the corner flag, outpacing all the covering defence for his second try of the game and Cowbridge's third.

With the wind and rain at Cowbridge backs, the team started to pile on the pressure on Pentyrch in the second half. The first 10 minutes were spent completely in the Pentyrch 22.

Pentyrch defended superbly well, never letting their heads drop and making Cowbridge work extremely hard for the ball. The second half's first try came from a well worked lineout move straight off the training ground.

Evan Lloyd threw the ball in to Dan O'Sullivan who fed R.Williams on a front peel. Following a number of broken tackles Williams managed to get over the line with a number of Pentyrch defenders on his back.

Cowbridge were now camped in the Pentyrch half, and time and time again came up just short of the Pentyrch try line.

The game's penultimate try came from an attacking scrum five metres out from the Pentyrch line. R.Williams picked up and burst his way over the line for his second try of the game.

With the game won, Cowbridge had to compete with some challenging conditions. The weather had become incredibly difficult to play running rugby in and Cowbridge were being continuously penalised at the breakdown.

Following a run of contentious penalties against Cowbridge, the referee made the controversial decision to yellow card a Cowbridge player for 'persistently offending' at the breakdown.

This meant Cowbridge had to play the remainder of the game with 14 players. However, even with 14 boys Cowbridge managed to have the last try of the game, when Evan Thomas intercepted a Pentyrch backs move to score under the posts unopposed; I.Williams converted.

The boys should feel very proud of this performance - with just 15 players, in appalling weather conditions and down to 14, the team showed great spirit and skill level to come away comfortable winners; well done all.

GJ

COWBRIDGE under-8s welcomed Dinas Powys to the rugby club pitch for a match with a distinctly autumnal feel.

Despite the heavy rain Cowbridge started explosively, scoring four tries. James Collingridge scored two, including one in which he displayed an excellent pick and run from inside his own half to score.

Joe Davies' speedy changes of direction outwitted the defence, and this was quickly followed by a great run from James Lord, who passed to Henry Davies to put the ball over the line.

Ned Rees made a powerful run enabling Joe D to finish his good work, Joe then made a slicing run through the defence to get his third try after a fine run by Will Brennan. James C added to his tally after a good team effort.

Paddy Whitestone and Joe Funtek also worked hard in defence to keep Dinas at bay. Dinas were able to get back into the game but Cowbridge kept extending their lead, led by Osian Bruce who scored three tries, one of which came from his trademark move with Sam Sheppard, and one from a superlative piece of individual running.

A silky run from Joe Arentsen added to the try count, and the first part of the match concluded with a powerful drive for the line by Henry Whitehouse from restart.

Four halves were played in the match to give the large Cowbridge squad more game time, and the second part of the match was far more evenly contested.

James C scored two further tries, demonstrating excellent individual and support running, with one try a result of a formidable break by Ioan Phillips.

James Lord displayed a characteristic burst of pace to score after a restart, but Dinas were able to match Cowbridge on the try count. Cowbridge had to work hard to stay in the game and tireless tagging by Sam Sheppard and Ollie Gale helped them to do so.

A determined run by Jacob Robson led to Harry New charging over the line, and Osian made a series of superb sidesteps which outsmarted the defence to score. Charlie Berkley-Smith also demonstrated fancy footwork and made a great pass for Henry New to score again.

The final score was 19-14 to Cowbridge in what was a highly entertaining match.

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POINT-TO-POINT

NEXT year, the Glamorgan Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases will be held at Ystradowen on March 22, while the Ystrad & Taf Fechan Hunt Races will take place over the same course on April 12.

The Llangeinor Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases was held for the first time last year at Pyle, and will return there on April 19, which is Easter Saturday.

During the season, 192 meetings will take place, weather permitting.

BRIAN LEE

Players wanted

BRIDGEND TOWN juniors FC want to recruit more players at two age groups this season.

Both the under-16s and the under-14s are looking to strengthen their squads.

Bridgend Town is a locally based football club providing opportunities for children between the ages of 6 and 16 to play football. Home games and training take place at Newbridge Fields.

We aim to help our players to develop their skills and fitness and focus on them enjoying playing football.

The under-16s team has two coaches, Andrew Morgan and Leigh Shattock; anyone in school year 11 who is keen to play football regularly should contact Andrew on 07561 565647.

The under-14s team is coached by Deryck Evans and Jason Davies, and keen footballers in school year 9 should contact Deryck on 07807 537107.

All coaches are volunteers and fully accredited by the Welsh FA.